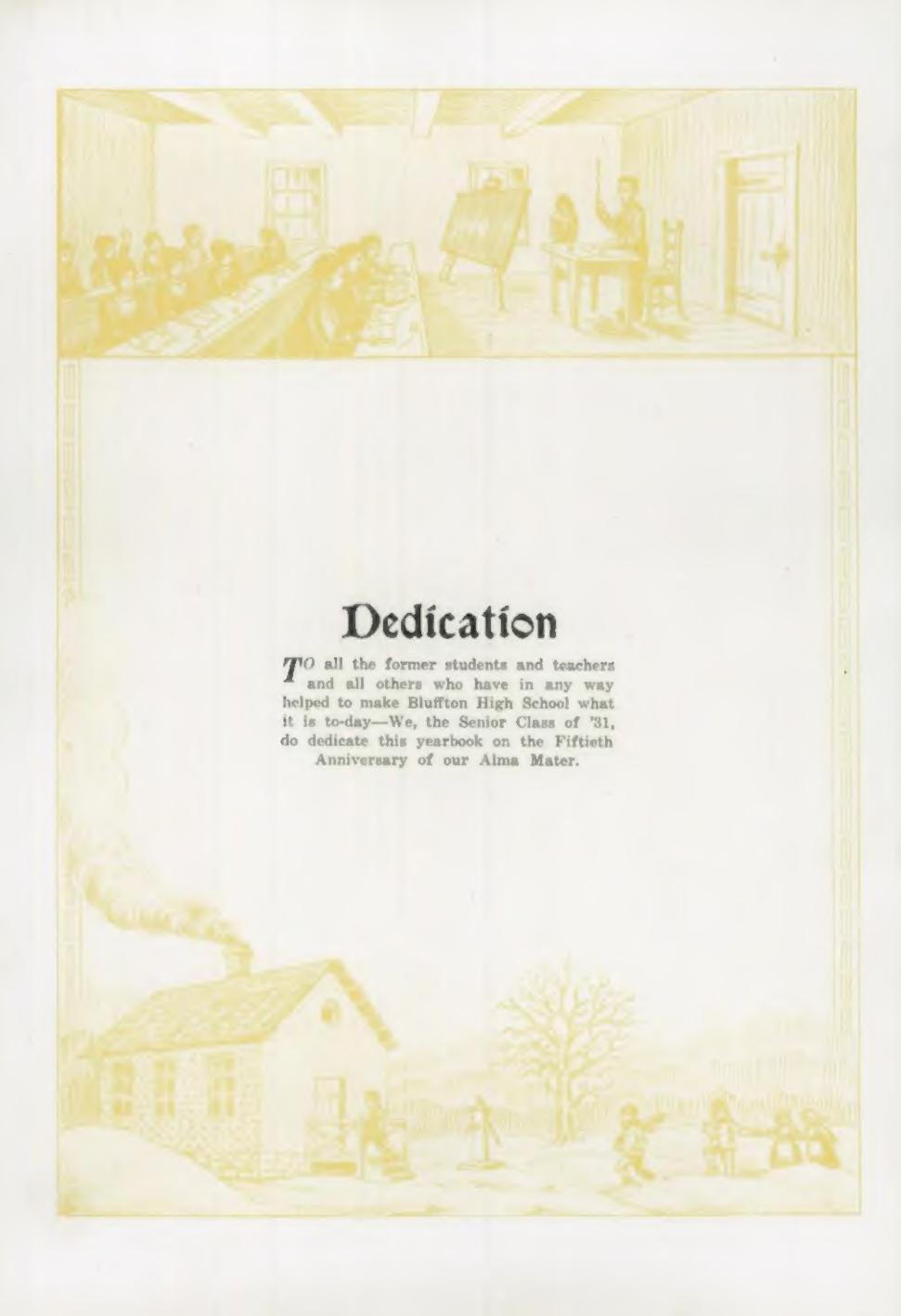


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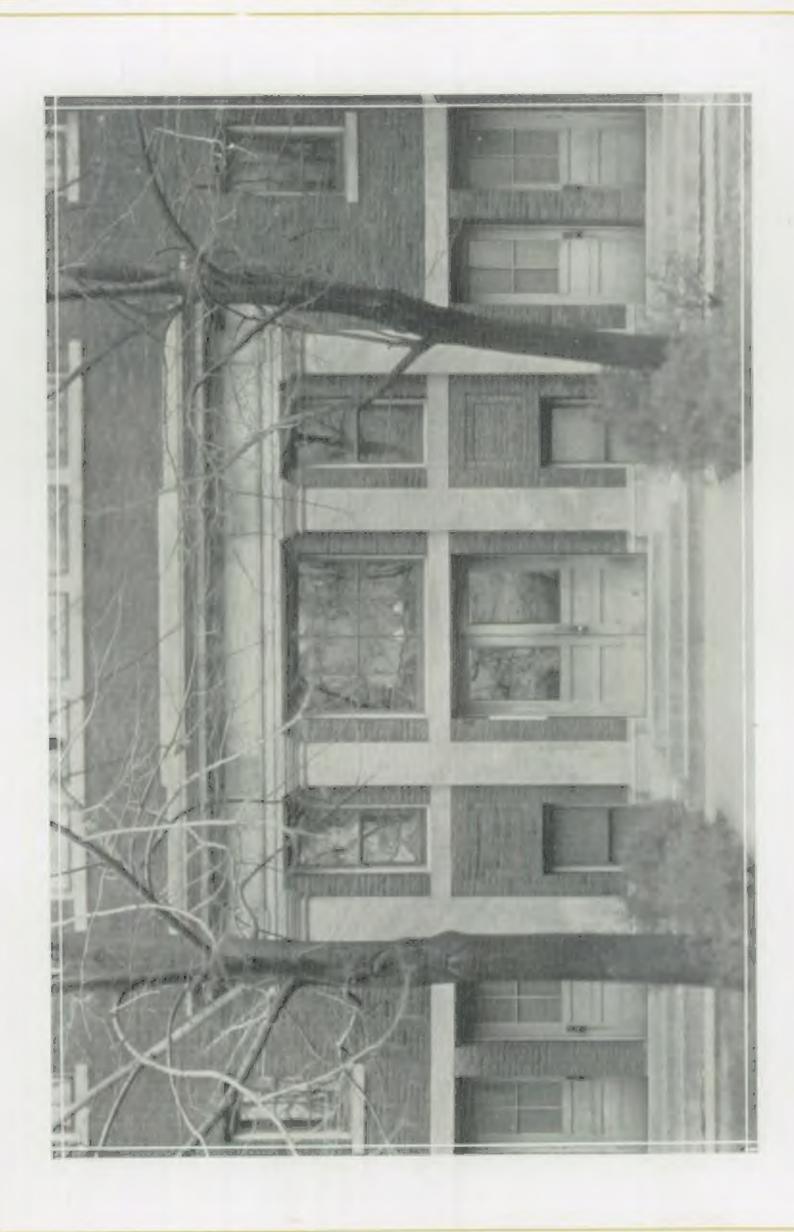
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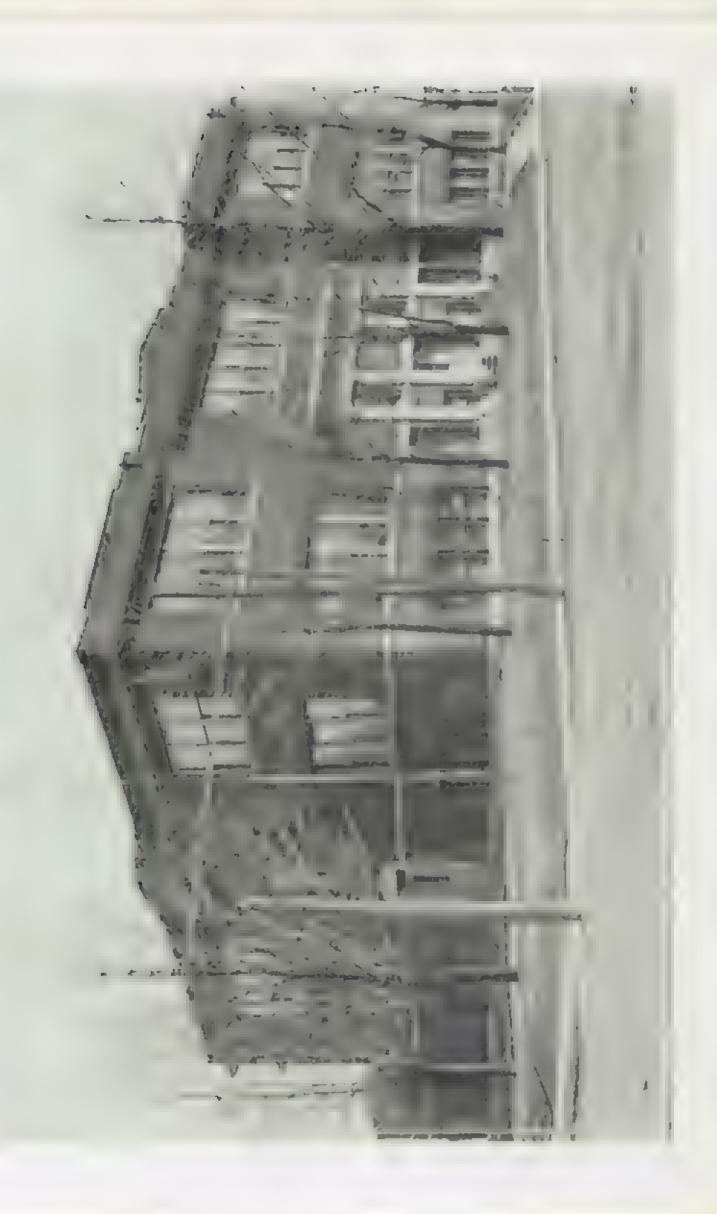
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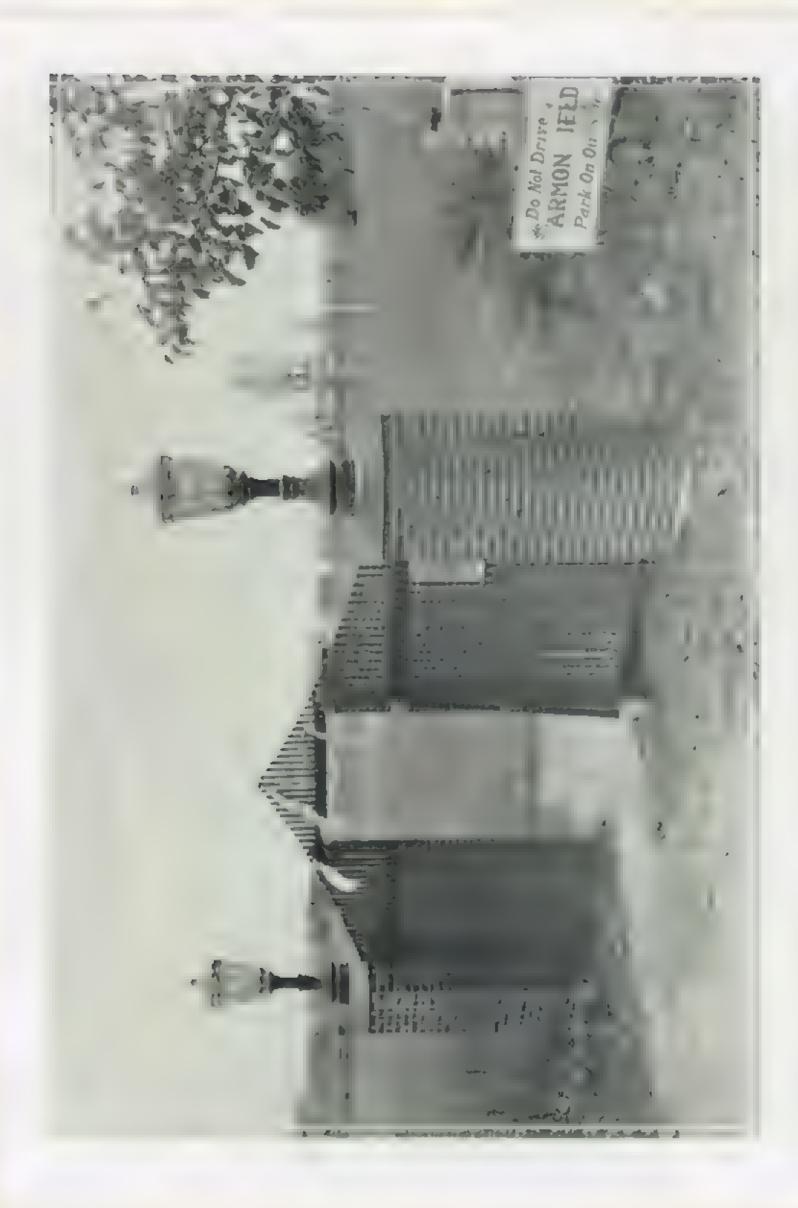








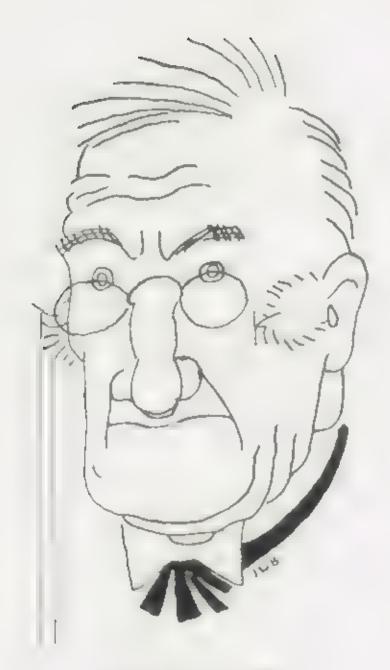






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Bluffton-Richland Board of Education

We, the students of Bluffton High School, are grateful to the Board of Education for their sincere efforts and their hearty enthusiasm in furthering the passage of the Bond Issue. In this connection special tribute should be given to Mr. Longs dorf and the Citizens' Committee for their untiring leadership in the efforts toward a better institution.

We fee, that it has been due to the school boards of the past that Bluffton High School has been recognized as a member of the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges on whose approved list we have been since 1912. Especially grateful are we to the first Board and those others who made possible the additions the school has received since 1881. We sincerely hope that the directors of the future will strive as conscientiously to maintain this as one of the outstanding schools of the state. Since the people of this community have never refused any suggestion that meant better education, we are confident that the children in years to come will obtain the benefits of a new and wider educational experience. Undoubtedly Bluffton will contribute in the future, as in the past and present, an enviable group of this country's influential citizens and leaders

Superintendent's Message

"In this golden anniversary year, it is peculiarly fitting to reflect on the educational history made and marked by the passing of fifty mileposts of educational progress in Bluffton. During this time eleven hundred and sixty-six students have been granted diplomas and gone forth to contribute to that progress. To those who have thus set the pace we offer our sincere congratulations.

What the next fifty years may bring forth we may only speculate. However, as attendance has increased, curriculum expanded and enriched, and school plant facilities enlarged, so now it takes but a glance at the blue prints to show that this year will see the erection of an



addition that will provide a high school plant and facilities second to none anywhere. With these obligged facilities must ever go the "Bufftor Spirit". Together let us carry on in the interests of righteousness and truth."

A. J. B. Longsdorf.

A. J. B. LONGSDORF, Ph. B., A. M.—Mr. Longsdorf came to Bluffton in the fall of 1925 to take up his duties as superintendent of B. H. S. After receiving his Ph. B. from Wooster in 1912, he served as principal of Cygnet High School from 1918-1925. In 1921 he received his A. M. from Columbia University.



SUPERINTENDENTS OF BLUFFTON SCHOOLS
S. C. Patterson, 1879-1887; B. F. Biery, 1894-1900; U. M. Shappell, 1887-1891,
E. C. Akerman, 1900-1906; C. A. Arganbright, 1906-1914; C. C. Nardin, 1914-1920,
C. Edward Bender, 1920-1925; A. J. B. Longsdorf, 1925—.



GERHARD BUHLER, A. B.—Mr. Buhler has been a member of the High School faculty since 1924, serving as assistant superintendent from 1924-1927, and as principal from 1927 to the present time. Beside his duties as principal he also teached chemistry and physics. He received his A. B. from Bluffton College in 1922 and attended Witmarsum Theological Seminary in 1922-1923. Before taking up his duties in B. H. S. he served as an instructor in Every High School in lowa. During the summer of 1930 he attended the University of Cincinnati.

RUTH L. ENDERS, A. B.—Miss Enders has been instructor of Jumor and Senior English since coming to Bluffton two years ago (in 1929). She received her A. B. from Defiance College in 1925. From 1926 to 1928 she acted as instructor in Farmer High School and in 1928-'29 taught in Antwerp High School. During the summers of 1928 and 1929 she attended Defiance College and during the summer of

1930, Ohio State University.

ANDREW J. ROBESON, B. S.—Mr. Robeson has been a member of Bluffton High faculty since 1929. He serves as instructor in biology and general science and as the boys' athletic coach. After receiving his B. S. degree from Ohio University in 1928, he acted as instructor in biology and coach at Medina High School until coming to Bluffton.

B. RUTH LAPP, A. B.—Miss Lapp has been instructor of Freshman and Sophomore English in B. H. S. since 1926. In 1924 she attended Iowa State Teacher's College and during the following year acted as instructor in Junior High, North English, Iowa. She received her A. B. from Bluffton College in 1926 and has since taught in B. H. S. During the summer of 1930 she attended the University of Chicago.

HELEN BOSS, A. B.—This is Miss Boss' first year as a member of the faculty of Bluffton High. She acts as instructor in Latin and French. After receiving her A. B. from Denison in 1926, she served as instructor at Elida High School until coming to B. H. S. at the beginning of the year. During the summer of 1929-1930 she attended school at Ohio State University.

SIDNEY STETTLER, A. B.—Since 1924 Mr. Stettler has been the mathematics instructor of Bluffton High School. Beside his duties as a teacher he has served as athletic manager and tennis coach. He received his A. B. from Bluffton College in 1923 and then acted as instructor in North Baltimore until coming to Bluffton. During the summer of 1926-1927 he attended school at Ohio State University.

MARGARET KIMMEL, A. B.—Miss Kimmel has served as instructor of social sciences in Bluffton High since 1928. Beside her social science courses, this year she has also taught business arithmetic and a class in algebra. She came to Bluffton High after receiving her A. B. from Bluffton College in 1928.



SIDNEY HAUENSTEIN, Ph. C.—Mr. Hauenstein has been the conductor of the high school band and orchestra since 1920. He received his Ph. C. from the University of Michigan in 1907. During the summer of 1921 he attended the Chicago Musical College and during the summers of 1926-27 was conductor of orchestral classes at E. Tennessee State Teachers College. Since 1911 he has been the conductor of the Bluffton band and orchestra and an instructor in music.

DARLIE G. STUCKEY, A. B.—Miss Stuckey has been a teacher in Bluffton ligh since 1927. She acts as instructor in home economics and as girls athletic coach. After receiving her A. B. from Wittenberg in 1924 she served as instructor and girls coach in Mt. Cory High School, until coming to Bluffton in the fall of 1927.

coach in Mt. Cory High School, until coming to Bluffton in the fall of 1927. EDGAR R. JONES, A. B.—Mr. Jones has been a member of Bluffton High faculty since 1927. In the fall of 1927, after receiving his A. B. from Bowling Green State Normal in the spring of 1927, he came to Bluffton as instructor in manual arts and mechanical drawing.

J. NORMAN KING, A. B.—Rev. King first entered the Bluffton High School faculty in the 1927-'28 term as a teacher of social sciences. Prior to that he had received his A. B. degree from Alma College and had taken advanced courses at Princeton and Bluffton College. Then from 1921 to 1926 he served as professor of social science at Bluffton College. At present he teaches history at Bluffton High School and serves as pastor of two Presbyterian churches in the community.

ELEANOR BARNARD, A. B.—Miss Barnard has been the music instructor in B. H. S. since 1929. She received her A. B. and her School of Music certificate from Oberlin College. In 1928-'29 she was supervisor of music at Bioomfield, Iowa. During the summer of 1929 she attended the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. At the present time beside her High School duties she is employed as Instructor in School Music and Theory in Bluffton College.

HARRY F. BARNES, B. S.—Mr. Barnes has been instructor in agriculture in B. H. S. since 1929. He received his B. S. degree from Ohio State University in 1927. Before receiving his degree he acted as instructor in Medina High School from 1920 to 1925. From 1925 until the time he came to Bluffton he was employed in the Columbus Dairy.

RETTY STEWART—Miss Stewart has been the secretary of Bluffton High School since 1927. After graduating from Bluffton High in 1926 she attended Findlay Business College in 1927 and then took up her duties as secretary of B. H. S.

PETER BADERTSCHER-Mr. Badertscher has been employed by the High School as chief engineer of Bluffton High School building and superintendent of grounds since 1918.



PAUL W. STAUFFER, A. B.—This was Mr. Stauffer's first year as instructor in Bluffton High School. He taught German, which was given this year for the first time, economics and sociology, public speaking and debate. He became a member of the Bluffton High faculty after receiving his A. B. from Bluffton College in 1930. During the summer of 1930 he attended the University of Pennsylvania.

Tribute to the Faculty

To the Faculty, we the Senior class of Bluffton High School, wish to express our sincere appreciation, for all they have done toward preparing us for whatever we may pursue after our graduation. Especially do we wish to give special mention to our class proctors: Mr. Stettler, Mr. Robeson, and Mr. Stauffer, who have so faithfully guided us through this macletrom of education.

We earnestly hope they have found as great a pleasure in their connections with us, as we have found in ours with them.

May life bring for them, of all it has in store, Treasure laid in heaven, joy for evermore,



Classes







Garfield Griffith - - - - - Pesident

Marguerite Geiger - - - Secretary—Treasurer

Rosella Montgomery - - - Vice-President

Senior Class History

Four score and sixty weeks ago, our fathers brought forth into this high school, a new class, conceived in green, and dedicated to the proposition that all "infants," are to receive a higher education. Did you say four score and sixty weeks ago? It hardly seems possible that we, then as a freshmen class, seeking more knowledge, are now ready to be graduated from Bluffton High School. Graduated only to begin again, for does not commencement mean beginning? This time it will mean the beginning of a bigger and better life in the world.

As "infants," we finally waded through our miseries, and selected Garfield Griffith as class president; Louise Benroth, vice-president; and Marguerite Geiger, sec.-treas; with Mr. Stettler as proctor. The Junior-Freshman reception was a never-to-be-forgotten affair. We also had a Hallowe'en party, entertaining the faculty. Our Sophomore year we came back with more assurance and boldness, determined to show the students we had changed color. We entrusted the duties of president in the person of Rosella Montgomery, with Woodrow Lugenbuhl as her assistant. Mr. Stettler was again chosen as our advisor.

When we entered as Juniors, we had a three fold aim to fulfill putting over, first, a good Junior-Frosh reception; second, our class play, "Skidding;" and, the Junior-Senior Banquet. This climaxed the year as a great success. Roland Bixler was President, Paul Hirschler, Vice-President; and Tom Perry, Sec.-Treas., with Mr. Robeson as advisor.

Last but indeed not least, came our Senior year, the most memorable of all. Long will we cherish the happy times we spent together. Perhaps sometimes we seemed to lose our dignity, but somehow or other, we always managed to gain our ground again. And now, all to soon, our high school days are over, and at parting we wish all a fond farewell.

The class officers were: Pres.—Garfield Griffith; Vice-Pres.—Rosella Montgomery; Sec.-Treas.—Marguerite Geiger; Proctor—Mr. Stauffer.



ODELL ALSPACH—Probably Zeke's greatest interest is athletics, and so all tell to what things this interest may lead him. It will be proved the majority of the delta betting the interest may lead him. It will be proved the basketball floor, or baseball diamond he could be depended upon to play consistently. His ability the limitable of the limitable of the limitable of the pure consistent of the pure consistency.

NIVA (1911) (1911), Now the best of the property of the second and the many activities she is found. Neva is an expert accompanist, and a very convincing debater. She was on the debate team which won first place in the State N. F. L. contest at Youngstown. When Neva is around, you are sure of a good time. She is looking forward to college life. Now already she is very important in the eyes of one at college.

NELSON BASINGER—Nelson Basinger has contributed much to Bluffton High S hool. He is a little shy of girls. Since we cannot all be great leaders, Nellie has proven himself to be one of the best followers and hardest workers in school, both in study and athletics. We are sure that Nellie will make good, because he can always be depended upon to do his part. Who will be the lucky girl?

ALEENE BALMER —Dark brown curly hair and a ready smile make Aleene a friend to many. It is in musical lines that Aleene displayed her ability, for she did her share in the glee club and played in the orchestra for several years. Everyone who knows Aleene, has found in her a loyal friend. C. E. work has also found a part of her time and talent.

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HAROLD BELL—Harold, another product of Orange Township, was an old standby of the Glee Club. Every Monday and Wednesday for four years his hearty base has been heard ring agonal through the ball on on his attorn will that of many other His smile, greeting all with equal friendliness, and his red hair have come to be an established fixture of the school and will be equally missed next year.

CLEDA BINKLEY—Cleda comes to us from the railroad section—no, we don't mean that she works on the railroad, but just that it's near her home. She's little but she certainly makes up for her size by her happy disposition and willingness to take her share of the so-called burden of high school life. Her smiling face is seen in

JAMES BIXEL—James was an artist. If you doubt the truth of this statement you need only to go once through the pages of the About to be a molitude of without which this book would not be complete. His interest and loyalty to his Alma Mater are also shown in his faithful attendance of hand, orchestra and Glee Club rehearsals. He was one of the most interested and active Hi-Y members

FRANCES CRIBLEZ—Frances, with brown eyes and dark black hair, is a friend that cannot be found everywhere. She always greets you with a smile. Although Frances lives in the country, it does not keep her from being an active, loyal, ever-dependable G. R. member. She excels in one thing, and that is making grades On the honor roll, or at the head ir her casses, or more hestra, the was always there.

ROLAND BIXLER—Our truly Napoleon Bonaparte, "Roney," has certainly been an asset to our ches through his optimist a temperature of the dally to seek. Suppeople are in no way content without all the work that can possibly take their time, and "Nemo" is just that sort. His fine managing ability is seen in this volume, of which he was Editor-in-Chief. Aside from this, he has entered many activities. He further showed his exceptional executive of hy by pileting our chasting up 1929. On Roland's amb times to be a lawyer, and cortainly he has made a creative start as he. State N. F. L. Extemporaneous Speech Champ.

DORA DILLMAN—Dora is one of the most prominent of our High School warblers. Her contribution to the girl's Glee Club has been very outstanding. In her Sophomore year Dora left us and went to Detroit, but for four years she has been working patiently. Her ability is not limited to music alone, as is proven by the fact that she has taken a prominent part if the various dramatic productors of the closely



HAROLD BURKHOLDER—The presence of this lively fellow is as welcome to a little that to leave as the sum time, which seems to bear a restry into the world from his broad, jovial smile. Harold has been an excellent student in agriculture and mechanics; which shall prove him a great value to his community. His friendly bass voice can also be heard during give club rehearsal.

RUBY DUDGEON—Ruby's friendliness and cheerful disposition have won her many friends. Her familiar giggle has almost become an established fixture of the high school. Ruby has been a loyal member of the Girl Reserves club throughout her high school career. Each day you will find her in the library distributing books, collecting dues, and doing all the duties of a capable librarian. She has also contributed her share toward the success of the Girl's Glee Club.

SHERWOOD DILLER—Commercialization is "Sherry's" chief tendency, for he nims toward "bigger and better business enterprises." His ability is displayed in this book, of which he shared the business end, very efficiently. His sunny disposition is known throughout the school, as is also his admiration for the weaker sex. "Sherry's" carracters in a little state commercialization for the weaker sex. "Sherry's" carracters in a little state commercialization for the weaker sex. "Sherry's" carracters in a little state commercialization is "Sherry's" chief tendency, for he name to be shown in the same carriers is a little state of the part of the part of the same carries tense, and a desire to do their best.

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MADELENE GAIFFE—"Vivre La France" is the cry of this French maid. Few rank above her in the ability to speak and read French, and through this ability she has brought honor to the school in county scholarship contests. Her outside activities have been few, but by her contributions in scholarship and her loyalty to the school, she has contributed greatly to B. H. S.

DONAVON GEIGER—Known as "Donnie," this fellow has developed a quiet, deliberate, pleasing manner. He plays a fine game of football and is a consistently hard player. Since his man interest scenes to be in woodworking, it looks as though Donnie would follow in his father's footsteps. Donnie's appearance is at all times pleasing and he greets everyone he knows with a ready smile.

MARGUERITE GEIGER-"Who said Marguerite plays football?" "No one," came the reply. "Then why does she have that football around her neck?" "Oh, that's the other half's."

We know that basketball claimed no small share of her time, although she didn't ful to lend a helping hand to anyone who applied. As a Home Economics student she couldn't be beat. In between times of day dreaming and studying, she shows her dimples to all who are her friends.



GARFIELD GRIFFITH—Yes, the fellow with the short haircut who played such consistent football on Bluffton's ball teams is Griffith. It was not only in tootball that Gar displayed his fine athletic ability, but athletics in every department. He did not limit his leadership to athletics alone but very capably directed the class and the Hi-1 club. During high school he was quite preminent in the music department. Even though he spent much time on outside activities, Gar did not fail to make a high scholarship standing

EVELYN GRAFZ—Evelyn, as a render, has placed herself uppermost in numerous state-wide contests. She was a debuter of no mean ability. At noons you could find her with "Here there," snap! Just another comic strip for the Annual. She can also teed them a line because she works at the Grill. Just now it's the height of her ambituon, to receive a letter from a certain curly-headed blond. Here's hoping you succeed in life as well.

WOODROW HERR—"Woody" is a hard-working country lad who has shown fine ability in his school work. Our country needs farmers and no doubt Woody will turn out to fill this need in an admirable way. He has already shown fine progress in this by his consistent support of the F. F. A. and the Smith-Hughes Work.

VERA Habegger—Vera is one of these girls who are "small, but mighty." Especially does she show her might on a Basketball floor, and anyone having her for a guard knew they had a strong opponent. She is peppy, energetic and full of spunk; always ready to hold her own against anybody. Anyone hearing her speak German will know she has had plenty of experience in talking it. When once you have become acquainted with Vera, you know you have a worth-while friend.

PAUL HIRSCHLER—Paul has shown his ability mostly in debate and music, although he is a hard worker on the Pirate tennis squad, and can always be depended upon to play the game hard and square. Even if Paul is a small man in stature, he is big in his way. He has by hard work, brought the Pirates much honor by his clear thinking and hard study.

DOROTHY HENRY—To some, Dorothy seems dignified and reserved, an individual with whom it is hard to get acquainted. But to those who know her, Dorothy is cheerful and full of fun—a real friend. She has told many a lad when his library book is due, and collected many dues. Through her G. R. affiliations she has given her best to the High School, and has influenced many to do the same. Dorothy knew her food and was the success of many a party.



to do. If he was called upon to do a task, he did it willingly and energetically. His services to the Hi-Y were countless. He is one of the finest triends a person could have Hugh's bound to get somewhere if he works like he did in his studies and outside work. Keep it up, Hugh.

FRANCES MUSSELMAN—Ready for service, sincere at all times, eager for knowledge, loyal to friends, and always reaching for the best. This truly characterizes our & R. president. She also maintained an upper berth on the affirmative debate team, a well a getting A's in Cicero. She is full to overflowing with a good, contagious

character, a triend to anyone in need. What more dare anyone ask?

TOM PERRY—"An ace," comes the cry, so you know it is Tom Perry indulging in his favorite pastime of tennis. The hole this tennis wonder leaves in next year's tennis team will undoubtedly constitute Mr. Stettler's gravest problem. That, and his part in Hi-Y and Scholastic activities leads one to deduce that he is a talented individual who left his mark upon the school. We may all be proud of Tom.

MAE NUSBAL M—This country maid is quiet and reserved, a true friend to those who know her. Her one outside interest in High School has been G. R. and in this organization she has played her part well. For a short time she was one of the few who have the honor of playing the part of student librarian. To her Alma Mater she

has ever been true and always given her best,

NELSON STEINER—This tall lad rolls in from the country. He is an energetic student. Although he does not domineer, he is a good follower. Nelson took a very active part in Glee Club and also entered in both band and orchestra. He is generally seen strolling along with a fair sophomore maid who does not seem to follow him in his

CLEONA REICHENBACH—The country produces many fine things and Cleona is certainly one of them. Brown curly hair and a pleasant smile make her a friend to everyone. Quiet and shy, she consistently does her best in everything she undertakes. Her one of the other states that there is it ments to be singualities shall have best. Although reserved and quiet, she has given much to B. H. S.



ROSS IRWIN—Here is a "Firste" true to the bone. His virtue as a hard faithful worker has been outstanding from the very beginning of his high school career. He left Bluffton to spend his junior year in Lima Central High, but to prove the point that 'once a Pirate, always a Pirate,' Ross returned to Bluffton for his senior year. His perisistent pladding and excellent work in school activities plus the simplicity of his personality and levelheadedness, has brought him friendship and admiration from many people.

LUCILLE JOHNSON—This Senior is known for her weakness toward the male sex of the High School. She appears quiet until one knows her well, when she removes her cloak of reserve and becomes jolly and full of fun. Although she has taken little part in outside activities, to those who know her she has become a true friend.

WELDON LIGHTNER—Upon the studious silence of the study hall, there suddenly bursts the sound of loud laughter. What's the joke? There really isn't any, it's only Weldon indulging in his usual laugh. Whether it be in tooting the tuba, singing bass the restriction of the Author, or in adupting, Weldon is always whole-heartedly there and doing his best.

ELIZABETH KLIEWER—Betty came from the "wild and woolly west," at the bar, the first of the convent liter good but its ind pleasant since have for her many friends. In her two years, she has contributed much to B. H. S. through her work in glee club, basket bail, inter-class debates, G. R. and scholarships. Betty ranked among the first ten in the senior class, and was an outstanding chemistry student. She was a true symbol of the G. R. triangle, outstanding mentally, spiritually, and physically.

WOODROW LUGENBUHL—During his high school days "Woody" displayed much pluck and courage. By many of his characteristics he gained the respect of all the fellows on the football and baseball fie'ds and was rewarded for his valuable services to the team by a letter last fall. He was equally conscientious and faithful in his school work and he played a big part in the successful work of the Hi-Y for three years.

ROSELLA MONTGOMERY—Rosella, an innocent little girl from the farm, takes part in many activities. She upholds a position in the violin section of the orchestra, and in the alto group in the girls glee club. Above all, Rosella made both valedictorian and sulutatorian earn their places. In the point system she won first honors. Her persistence and pep have been a great aid to Bluffton High School.



I RANCIS LUGIBIHI.—A quiet, peaceful, friend is he. Everyone is glad to hear the good natured laugh with which he tells his jokes, and no one tires of his witty remarks. He is the idol of all the fellows while on the athletic held during the moon hour. He is a faithful worker in the Agriculture Dept., and an active member of the F. F. A.

EUNICE MOSER—A quiet, little girl of very few wast as Euroce. She has shown her bravery and courage by taking four years of Latin. Teachers evidently have great taith in Euroce, for they often ask her to put out the absence slips for them. A cheerful disposition and the willingness to do her part as well as she possibly knows how are the chief characteristics of this Senior.

ROLLAND MOTIER—Rolland is a quiet and studious young fellow who undertakes all things with equal sincerity. As a member of the F. F. A., he takes an active part in all its activities and all the other activities of the Agricultural Class. Undoubtedly he will constitute one of the community's most valuable laimers in the near future. Being a triendly lad he has many acquaintances throughout the school and community and they have a high regard for him.

ELEANOR MATTER—This Senior is a country maid who never pushes herself forward but in a quiet unusuuming manner strives for the best in all that she undertakes. She always does her school work to the best of her ability and never shirks responsibilities placed upon her. Though she seldom makes any noise, especially in the presence of strangers, her words are worth while.

KENNETH NEUENSCHWANDER-Kenny has his troubles in diamatics, he is the son of Mrs. Briggs and has promise of being a poet that will long be remembered His first poetry will always be remembered by the dramatic class of "31," which is

"Fairy tripping o'er the green, Leading pork so nice and lean.
WILNER MUMMA—"Oh yes, John, yes John, yes John, yes" is the tune this Senior class sings. Quietness in manner and neatness in appearance are her outstanding that the state of the interests have been town that the triple state of the good actor. We can truthfully say her interests have been for the best of Bluffton High School.



the identity of that tow-headed athletic wurdwind. A construction of the tow-headed athletic wurdwind. A construction of the two-headed athletic wurdwind. A construction of the state. This happy and created youth did not confine himself to athletics alone, but fostered an air-round door pment as shown by his membership in the Athletic Scholarship League and his membership in the Student Senat

MARIE SCOLES—Quiet and demure is this shy girl, and by her giggle it is be know her. She is always joking and full of fun, with a pleasant smile for all. Managele can be heard and recognized at almost any time during the day. When you down in the dumps and feel blue, let Mane cheer you up with her ready laugh.

MYRON TRIPLEHORN—"Pap" as he is known by his friends is a quiet, mischievous, likeable chap. His ambition and pride is his Father's well-known Reo Speed Wagon. He is also interested in wood-working and has shown a great deal of ability in that line. Although Pap is not so well-known by the garls, he can display some fine football playing and some humor in the Study Hall (which is funny to everyone but the teacher in charge.)

ALMA SHALLEY—Shy and modest; but what a true and loyal friend she is to all who wish her friendship. Although she may seem quiet, she is full of fun and good humor whenever good times are suggested. She is often seen hurrying to school late with many books under her arm. Her home is near the school yet she works in her father's store in order to get some valuable time well spent. Alma's fine grades are well deserved.

WILLIAM WELLS—"Bill" is a hardworking, and at times a brilliant student. Though slightly tempermental, Bill has proven himself a real citizen of whom the school can be proud. Bill is a fighter clear through and he says no women can ever persuade bim to be a horse doctor. With great success in anything he likes, as exemplified by his musical career, we predict great things for Bill.

MABEL STEINER—Here is a lassie who divides her time between her school work and her farm work. She always has a friendly smile for everyone and her taugh contagious to all who hear it. She is a studious person, working hard for whatever she gets. Good-natured, kind-hearted, and cheerful, are only a few of her commendable combines.

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JAMES WEST—"Jim" is a fine fellow who has shown himself as a good custodian of any and all funds entrusted to him. Besides spending a fair amount of time on his school work, he serves as an employee of the Western Obio Corporation and the Lima Morning Star. His extra-curricular activities included band, glee club and Hi-Y, and he showed himself capable and willing in all of them. Girls are just beginning to bother Jim, but he has learned fast in this respect.

MARJORIE STRATTON—Should you chance some evening about four-thirty in the afternoon, to see a young lady walking down the at cet with about fifteen books under her arm you would know that this was Marjorie. She is living in Bluffon only temporarily, in order to complete her education. Seemingly shy and bashful, but really a good, sincere friend, she is a hard worker, and one who is well-liked by many. By the way she is quite fond of Patrick Henry's descendants.

ANNA WATKINS—Studious and energetic, helpful at school and at home with a smile for everyone she meets makes Anna a valuable friend. Mable S. can test vito the quality of loyalty and love to friends that this senior possesses

VERENA WINKLER—Helpful and contented is this country lass, conscientiously doing her best in her school work. She can be found in the auditorium the fifth period, helping the altos maintain their berth. After school she can be found, handing out books of knowledge to the eager students in the library. While always quiet and unassuming, she has done her best for our Alma Mater.

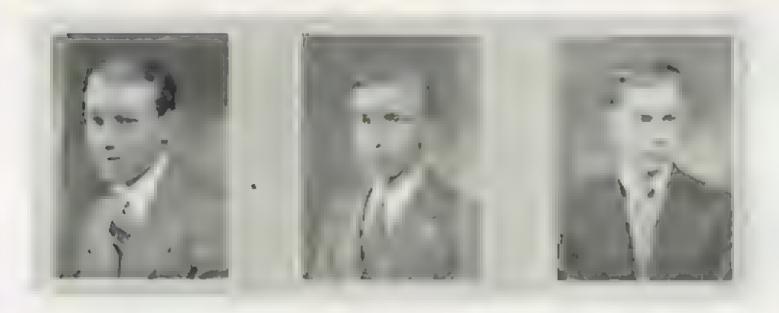


Mr. N. W. Cunningham
Mr. N. W. Cunningham, well-known
Bluffton resident and prominent supporter of Bluffton High School, was
the first Commencement speaker at
a Bluffton High School Commencement.

The First Commencement Program

Given at the M. E. Church, Bluffton, on June 3rd, 1881.

Anthem	- Choir
Invocation	Rev. Layport
Music	- "Moonlight on the Lake" Hattle Ballard
Easay	Helen F. Barnes (Second Honors)
Oration	"Earth's Battlefields" Rolla A. Hickey
Essay	- Emma Lugabill
Мине	. Hettie Vernon
Oration	"The Book of Fate" Willis V. Hutchins
Essay	Lillie M. Clark
Essay	"False Lights" Minnie Herrmann (First Honor)
Music	Choir
	Presentation of Diplomas to Class of Six Graduates Class Song
Benediction	Rev. G. E. Harsh



Robert Balmer - - - - - - - President

Lowell Boothby - - - - - - Vice-President

Robert Ewing - - - - Secretary-Treasurer

Junior Class History

In the fall of '28, eighty bright and shining faces launched their ships on the sea of higher education. At first the waves seemed rough, which almost terrified our erew beyond control. However we soon gained control of the ship and placed Manley Thompson at the helm, with Mabel Herr as second mate. We also learned that no ship could sail without finance, so we gave Elva Lugibihl the position of Sec.-Treas. Miss Lapp was chosen as faculty advisor. Our ship was adorned with the colors of red and black.

In October came the Junior-Freshman reception. Ah, we were being recognized by romeone. Many found places in the various activities.

By the fall of '29, we no longer felt the waves so rough, Ralph Locher was called upon to steer the ship this year, with Robert Balmer as his chief assistant, and Robert Ewing holding the position of Sec.-Treas. This time Mr. Stettler was chosen as class proctor. By the end of the year we had become quite gay and interested in all school affairs.

"Where, oh where, are the gay young Sophomores? Safe now in the junior class. They've gone out from their old Latin, they've gone out from tough mathematics, safe now in the junior class."

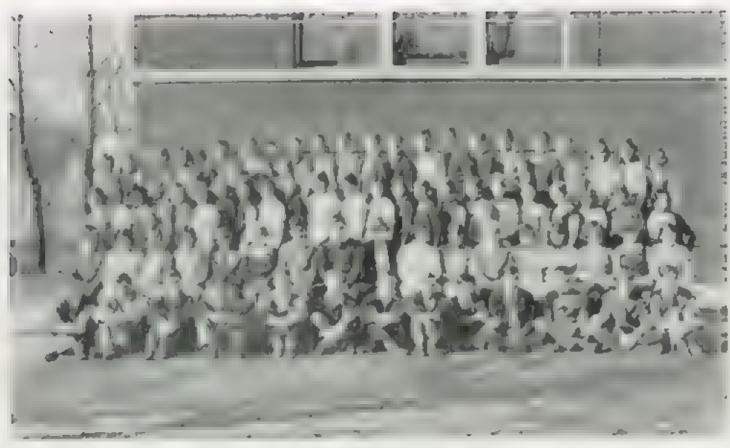
To this tune we were marching back to dear old Bluffton Hi in the fall of '30. This year found Robert Balmer directing our voyage with Lowell Boothby as Vice-Pres. Robert Ewing, who so ably fulfilled his office last year, found himself again playing the role of Sec.-Treas., with Coach Robeson as our advisor. Ralph Locher was chosen to fill the office of Junior Ass. Editor of the "Annual Leaves."

Now came our chance to royally entertain the "infants" of Bluffton High. We also received our rings and are certainly proud of them. Our class play, "The Arrival of Kitty," was quite a success. Bobbie Balmer interpreted his part well as the other Kitty. Last but not least came the Junior-Senior Banquet. We considered ourselves quite flattered to entertain, for the last time, the Senior class of '31. We now wait to enter the realms next year as Seniors.



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Sophomore Class History

On a bright September morning, 1929, seventy-four brighter recruits of Bluffton High School entered the stately and friendly portals of their future knowledge exchange. These radiating recruits of the Pirate capital ship soon got under way, as it were, under the careful guidance of their supervisor, Miss Lapp. Finally it appeared a necessity to choose leaders who would make the sailing easier. Don Smucker was elected as president, Dwight Diller to assist him, and Gordon Alderfer as Sec'y-Trea-Contrary to the usual predictions the Frosh were kindly received by the regulars a proven by the fine reception given by the Juniors. After these varied greetings we were proclaimed true Pirates. During the course of the year we made illimitable progress toward our destination, "Education." Our clan finally decided that too studious an attitude should not be maintained thruout the entire year; so we forgot the classoom for just one evening and gave ourselves one huge pill of merriment on Feb. 12, 1930. Contributing more and more consistently toward the different activities we finally closed the scene by "copping" the Inter-class Debate championship.

After the prolonged dry spell we progressed another step and immediately acclaimed ourselves pure Sophomores. Our crew, visualizing a clearer goal, made a still more concentrated effort to find the hidden treasures of Education. By this time our crew was increasing instead of decreasing as is the usual trend, and this year we were that the specific property in its term in the property in the pro

BEST it has ever been.



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Freshman Class History

Ah! Where did these strange doors lead our flock of seventy-six bewildered beings?
"Win this, Frosh! That's only the class bell. Hey, Freshie, you're in the wrong
the And this was High School? Such a life.

However, we soon were a smated and rapidly gained strength. Donald Wenger was to take our of the post of Secretary-Treasurer. The group was entrusted to the current Mr. Stettler, who ably served as our proctor. Blue and Gold were chosen for our class colors.

At the beginning of the school year we were royally entertained by the Juniors at the annual Junior-Freshman reception. Our only class party was held on April 6, at the Play House. All those present reported a very enjoyable evening. Our class was well represented in extra-curricular activities such as football and basketball, vocal and matrumental music, and the Blue Triangle and Junior H 1

The one really dark spot of this first year was the untimely death of Milo Basinger, our beloved classmate, who passed away on March 9.

Thus ends the initial epoch of the history of our class. Seventy-five students have stayed with us to complete this beginning of a class which bid fair to be known far and wide for its size and deeds.

In Recognition of the Wholehearted Support of the Public Who Have Made Possible the Present Building Program the Bluffton-Richland Board of Education Hereby Expresses Its Appreciation.



Senior Hi-Y Club

- . ' '2 Hi-Y organized under Otho Thompson of Bluffton College
- 1 . I mory Diller elected advisor but serves only the first
- ! 6-Mr. Bubler took charge of a club of sixteen be
- 19.0 Important re-organization of the Hi-1 Club with twenty five members is effected



The past year has been one of the most successful years of the Hi-Y Club in Bluffton

At the beginning of the year sixteen new members were voted into the club, which decided to have its club room in partnership with the American Legion. This room was used for regular weekly meetings as well as social affairs and recreation

Ituring the year the Hi-Y aponsored i large number of events, both of interest to the boys and the community. The Lather and Son banquet, lectures with speakers such as Harry T. Dodge and Mrs. Cortwright, special programs, and a Vocational Guidance Campaign open to all head from the United School, were sponsored and proved to be of great be the A Gregor Lein and up of Hi-Y members gave programs at the community On the occasions the Hi-Y Band furnished special much and won favor where very linear period.

In December, ten delegates were sent to the Older Boys' conference held in Van Wert. The theme of this conference was "Contagious Christian Character." Representatives will also be sent to Camp Nelson Dodd. Money was raised during the past year for this purpose by selling candy and holding intries at Football Games.

The Hi-Y boys discuss problems of the school and community and try in all under takings to uphold standards of Christian living, that their lives might shine and the reflection be caught by their fellown in everywhere. At the close of the year a meeting was enjoyed by the members at Co. 10 Farm, where the officers for next year were initiated

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The Girl Reserve

Purpose:
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It sales on and shadow,
In joy, disappointment,
Success and defeat,
We, the Girl Reserves, follow the Gram



The Girl Reserve Club received its charter six years ago from the National Club of Girl Reserves. The club was established by the Y. W. C. A. of Bluffton College in order to give the high school girls an organization in which they could discuss their problems. This year has been a most successful year for the club. It is composed of only Junior and Senior girls.

At the beginning of the school year, the G. R. entertained all of the High School gets. At a distinct well to see we would be become members were the conditation into the activities of the club. The programs during the year centered around the discussion of the code, the three sides of the triangle—Spiritual, Physical, and Mental—sportsmanship, and other problems. Baskets of fruit were given to the needy families on Thanksgiving and at Christmas time doll clothes and toys were made and distributed among the poor families of Bluffton. Special Campfire and Hobby meetings were also held throughout the year. The Y. W. C. A. of the College entertained the G. R. at Ropp Hall one evening during March, at which time the G. R. gave the program and the college girls furnished the other entertainment. During the month of April, the G. R entertained the members' mothers at a Mother-Daughter Meeting which was a great success.

The success of this year was due to the splendid cooperation of all the member, who did their best to live out the code in their everyday life. In everything it under took the G. R. Club tried to live up to the highest Christian principles, always following the Gleam and earnestly seeking for the Holy Grail

The cabinet: President, Frances Muss Land V. President, Marguerite Geiger; Pregram Crairman, Rosella Montgomer, Treatmer, Expandent, Schrifter, France New under, Freulty Advisor, Miss Ender

For Row Dorothy Disbro, Mas Nusbaum, Evelyn Schnegg, Marcella Steiner, Mactha Nowmbder 1994 h Ross, Carol Althaus, Meivena Lugibill, Fern Stuart, Elizabeth Kliewer, Dora Dibman, Louise Benruth, Ruby Dudgeon

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Junior Hi-Y History

Slogan

Clean Living.

2. Clean Speech.

3. Clean Scholarship

4. Clenn Athletics



The Jr. Hi-Y was organized in the school year of 1927-28 under the careful guidance of Mr. Buhler. He, with Garfield Griffith, Roland Bixler, John Beagle and DeVonne Althaus drew up a constitution. They then took in new members and characteristic rigid president, with John Beagle Sec.-Treas., and Roland Bixler as program clauman. They held their meetings in the homes of the members.

The next year the club started with Paul Hirschler as president, Robert Balmer, Vice-President; Hugh Niswander, Sec.-Treas., and Weldon Lightner, Program Chairman.

The club had quite a successful year under the leadership of this cabinet

In the year '29-'30. Robert Balmer held the gavel, with Clayton Bucher as his

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During the past year, the club has been most successful and enterprising. Due to so many other activities, Mr. Bubler could no longer keep his position as advisor of the club, so his resignation was accepted, and the club elected Mr. Stauffer to take his place. The club also selected Mr. Mohr of the college as assistant to Mr. Stauffer, This year because of the increased membership, it was thought best that the club should have club-room instead of holding the meetings at the homes, so it rented the Sr. Hi-Y room for one night of the week, also benefiting by the recreation which it offered. To defray expenses the club conducted a heavy financial program. It gave comedies during the noon hour, and sold caudy at games. Some of the more prominent activities of the year were; a meeting with the Lima South Hi-Y; a joint meeting with the Blue Triangle; several trips to the woods, and the entertainment of the eighth grade boy as prospects for the next year

Jr. Hi-Y Cabinet: President—Dale Davidson: Vice President—Konstantin Epp; Sec.-Liv. Gordon Alderfer: Program Chairman—Don Smucker: Faculty Advisor

Mr. Stauffer

Top Row John Romey, Konstanting Epp. Melvin Lorn. Bertram Swank. Wavna Nowander, Harola Schultz, Robert Pope

Mildle Row John Beacle, advisor, Donald Wanger, Gerald H 1 Dworft Differ, Hyron And

W. Harris



The Blue Triangle

Follow, follow, follow the gleam;
State and of worth o'er all the world,
I cliow, follow, follow the gleam
Of the light that shall bring the dawn.



The Blue Triangle is a newly organized club in Bluffton High School, being organized at the beginning of this school was by the Girl Reserves. The main reason to the organization was the lack of facilities to carry out the purpose of the Girl Reserves in so large a great was to the compact of the girls of the four classes. It the present time the variable of the cout thirty members representing the the court of the court thirty members representing the court of the cou

Met at the common are held in the High School every two weeks. The territar furnities of the line is the part of the help and interest to all the members. A ceremonial meeting at the beginning of the term gave all members an understanding of the purpose and code of the club.

Social activities of the year were enjoyed by all. A joint masquerade party with lander Hi-Y, a spelling bee, and a hobby meeting were indulged in as part of the club's functions. On Thanksgiving, provisions were distributed to the needy families of the vicinity, and on Christmas the girls spread the spirit of good cheer by singing carols.

Under the leadership of the president, Phyllis Tripplehorn, the faculty advisor, Margaret Kimmel, and the Y. W. C. A. advisor, Vernice McElroy, the Blue Triangle has made a fine start toward helping the underclass girls to find the best in life. It is hoped that this organization will become permanent here and continue to foster high deals

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Mens Glee Club

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1924-26-Regime of Prof. Clifford Royer.

1926-27-Successful Vocal Music with Prof. L. W. Swift

1927-29—Vocal music under competent direction of Prof.

Russell A. Lantz.

then M a Barnard arrives to supervise.



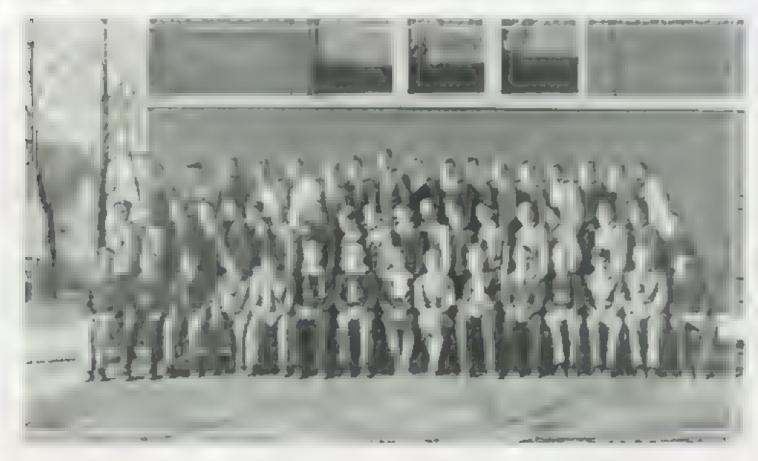
Under the capable direction of Miss Eleanor Barnard, the Boy's Glee Club completed a highly successful year. The members of this organization have shown a fine spirit and willingness for hard work throughout. The untiring efforts of the director together with the cooperation of the members have produced a seasonal record that deserves commendation.

In competition with Fostoria, A. Perrysburg and Bowling Green at the North-western Ohio Eisteddfod at Fostoria, April 17, the club placed a very close second to the winning Fostoria group. Due to consistent fundamental voice work during the re-hearsals, the intonation, shading and balance of the organization were especially commended by the Judges.

Top Row Manley Thompson, Maynard Niewander, Hershal Moure, Donald Corson, Ralph Reichens, Don Smucker, Dwight Diller, Nelson Steiner, Ralph Locher (1997), Clarton Bucher, Reed Hilly, Sidney Balmer, Glon Gen (1997), Market Bucher, Robert Matter, Jame W. 1997, Robert Lawn W. 1997, Word Helden, Ford Henry, Ralph Kohli, Market Bucher, John Romey

The Robert Bucher, Robert Bull (1997), Market Bull (1997), John Romey

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Girls Glee Club

1924-26-Prof. Royer takes over the duties of "Dad" Lehman.

11 to 27-Placed first in Eisteddfod at Fostoria.

1' '8-Won first prize at the Bluffton Eisteddfod,

" 's 2 '-Successful production of the operetta "In Indua."

." o .1-Operetta "Lelawala" produced.



The activities of the girl's glee club have been varied and interesting the year

under the capable direction of Miss Eleanor Barnard.

The primary purpose on an organization of this type is to give its members an under noting and appreciation of music. With this ideal in mind Miss Barnard has continuely had a successful year. With many new members in the club, after last year's leave or district losses, a musical choice has been developed of which the school per be proud.

At the Northwest Ohio Eisteddfod at Fostoria the club made a very commendable loss is all no time is a miner iterpreted by the breaktor of ite was the functus folk song "The Cabin on the Bayou." On May 20 the girls chorus combined with the breaktor of the product of the product of the part of the operation operation.

Don't Dillman as president and Eleanor Niswander as Secretary performed their data was the course of the spirit like light and the Miss Barnard, Jane Miller and Helen Hartzler also worked consistently all year.

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Constity Blos 1 Nusbourn, Margaret Hahn, Aleene Balmer, Louise Beacoth, Fern M. Clean Patrick, Elembeth Heyel, 1 - e No. 1 No.



The Orchestra

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at Foster a

.92" . Bluffton places third in Class A Fisteddfod at College Gymnasium.

Orchestra Contest

1940-31-Win third place in State orchestra Contest at Oberlin



Due to the untiring efforts and patience of Professor Sidney Hauenstein, Bluffton High School Orchestra has had a highly successful year. Although the orchestra was build-hit by graduation last year, the careful planning and foresight of our competent director made it possible to develop this organization to the point where it has been able to uphold the high standards of the local music department. The splendid record in contest work during the year provides a well-deserved reward for the leader and the members of the orchestra. At the Northwestern Ohio Instrumental Esstedafod, which was held at Ada, on April 3, and which included schools of class A ranking, the orchestra placed second, losing to Marion Harding by one-half point out of a possible eight hundred.

On May 1, the same group, with the addition of an obee and bassoon player, traveled to Oberlin to enter the State Orche tra Contest for Class B schools, and placed third Beades doing something for the school, the orchestra members also gained for them elves a better knowledge and appreciation of some of the gems of classical music

William Wells. Burbara Hauenstein, Mary King, Rosella Mintgomery, Lucille Niawander B. Elizabeth Bixel. Doneta Good, Ladonna Kiny, Cleda Bindey, Jeanette Schomache G. Eranklin Basinger, Edward Schomacher, Wintfield McGeorge; Violaa Martha Niewander M. Lauribchie Cellos Cleia Hilty. Margaret Habn. Phyllia Tripplehern, Roger Honenstein, Burker Worthington, Vola Arastuta i Flutee Helen Hartzier, Dorschy Schomacher, Roland Rivier; L. Linn Romey, Sherwood Islier, George Musselman: Trumpets Robert Bulmer, James Bixel, Emmant Niewander: Horna Don Smucker, Stanley Steiter; Trombones Paul Hirschier, Net Percuesion Dake Davidson, Mankey Thompson, Robert West; Bassoon Garneld Griffith, Olice Konstaller



The Band

1925 16 Organization of first Band under Sidney Hauen-

1926-27-First Interscholastic Mus c Contest at Fostoria.

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1928-29-Used new uniforms in Eisteddfod at Bluffton.

1 - 1-Placed second in N. W. O. Instrumental Eistedd fod at Ada.



A band, now considered a very necessary part of a modern school system, is a difficult organization to direct and develop. Bluffton High school is exceedingly fortunate in having a man with the experience and ability of Prof. Hauenstein to direct this erganization.

In the beginning of the year prospects for a well-balanced and finely finished band were very due, by successive heary locks by principles in the assert to O. V. those connected with an organization of this type realize the amount of patience, time and untiring efforts needed to build up a finished band. Slowly, the band, after many rhifts and after the addition of grade school recruits, began to develop. The climax of the year's work, of course, was the Northwestern Ohio Instrumental Eisteddfod in Ada. At this contest in competition with Bowling Green, Ada, Fostoria and Lima t n.t., the Bluffton band placed second to Fostoria.

It can easily be said that the 1930-31 season was the successful and productive year in the history of the school for a band. Next year with added facilities in the new building the band hopes for even greater success.

the John Romey, Sherwood Diller, Dwight Niewander, George Musselman, Mabel Herr, Robert Motter, Wade Lape, Gerald Huber: Flutes Dorothy Schumeber, Roland finler, Helen Hartzler, Saxoline, Water West, 1 2 Don Smucker, Stanley Stereer, Ba David Kliewer, Richard Cookson, Frieda Lughish!: Corneta Robert 2 David Kliewer, Dale Good, Reed Hilty, James West, Jean Diller, Byer Saxoline Rolland Koonta; Piccolo Roland Rivier



Affirmative Debate Squad

Schedule of the Affirmative Team.

Findlay vs. Bluffton
Ada—(Here)
Carey—(Here)
At Pandora
Won 2 out of 3 at Youngstown.

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the informative scuad composed of Frierra Musiciman Don Smacker, Paul Hirsch ler, and Rosella Montgomery, alternate, opened the debate season with a bang by directing our old rival, Findlay, on our home floor. There seemed to be no doubt as to the person increase of both delivery and arguments far outweighing those of the opposition to the team as a whole to pierce the opponents arguments and deliver then was very charlest and the text then the text the text that the text that the text then the text that the text that the text the text that the text

Bluffton of a trip to the neighboring College town. The forfeit was recorded as a victory, however.

Ada was the last scheduled victim to fall before the contradicting evidence of the local group. In this debate clear thinking and organization proved to be the effective woman

Due to the Negative's loss at Hicksville, we were tied with Lima Central for the championship of District Number Two, of the State Debating League and were collected to content the tilt at Pandora. There was the argumentation on but saids with a conded leaning toward the affirmative according to the expression of the audience. The tipe, however, gave Lima the benefit of the decision. This did not blacken our fature of the content of the post-season dual match. Our year ended with our wine and one loss.

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Frances Masselman

Rosella Montgomery

Don Smurker



Negative Debate Squad

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N. F. L. State Champions

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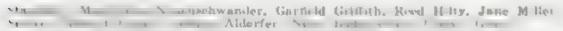
Won 3 out of 3 at Youngstown.

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The Chain Store found many loyal supporters in our debating class. The majority of debaters, in fact, felt that the Chain Store was an asset to the American public, and, with one exception, a hair-splitting decision in favor of a fine Hicksville team, convinced the audience and judges that the chains were a benefit. Neva Badertscher opened the constructive arguments and closed the rebuttals for her team, and by her pleasing speaking personality, left no doubt in the minds of her audience as to whether or not the Chains were a benefit. Further advantages of the Chains were pointed out by Evelyn Gratz, who, by splendid delivery always convinced the audience that these stores were beneficial to the producer and manufacturer. Roland Bixler closed the constructive arguments of the negative, and by means of his clear, logical thinking proved the Chains a decided asset because of their contributions to the stability of our economic order. Gordon Alderfer helped the teams on to victory through his efficient work as alternate. The team did splendid work, and wherever they went, brought honor to Blufton High School.

All debaters had opportunity in various non-decision debates to prove their stand on the question. A fine showing was made by those who are to become the standard bearers of next term's team, and prospects are very promising.





National Forensic League

National Forensic League

□ 27-28—Organized with 9 charter members.

Distinction

() 0 Inter-class debates sponsored,

19 .. It National Forensic League State Taurnament is held at Youngstown.



It is the range has been perhaps the most outstanding year of the National Forense It igue since its organization in this school in 1928. This league is composed of members who have participated in interscholastic contests in debate or orutorical work. No regular meetings are called during the year. Officers for the year were: President, Roland Bixler; Secretary-Treasurer, Neva Badertscher

The most outstanding events of the year were the State and National Tournaments It is State Speech Tournament was held at Chanev High School, Youngstown, Ohio, April 21 and 11. Entries were open in Debate, Oration, Oratorical, Dramatic and Humeron Dramatic Declamation and first and third in Extempore Speech. In debating we won five out of six debates, being the only team to come through with only one defeat. First place was accorded us in this event. This feat tied us for first honors in the meet. Ravenna counling our score. Our competition included Youngstown Chanev and South, Wadsworth Wooster, Ravenna, Canton McKinley, the largest high school in the state, and Niles. Ravenna has the honor of holding the State Debating League Compionship for three consecutive years

Winners of first and second places in this contest and in any other state contest were eligible to participate in the National Tournament at Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, on May 7-9. No results can be given of the tournament because the Annual will have gone to press before Bluffton's participation there. The local to the first trace composed of Frances Musselman, Paul Hirschler, Roland Bixler, Evelyn Gratz, Nova

Bulertscher and Don Smucker

Standing Mr. Smatter, Roland Boler, Weldon Ladtner, D. Smarker, Garthid Gretich, Panelliner) at Seated Frances Misseman, Roseda Montgomery, Neva Bull. 1911. G.





National Thespians

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Stimulating interest in dramatics, Study modern Shakespearean plays, Reward students for dramatic productions, Foster all school plays



Due to the desire of some of the students for a greater interest in dramatics and the wish of the instructors and coaches to offer some reward for faithful work in plays, a dramatic club was instituted during the past year. A local chapter of the National Thespians was instilled and officers elected. Jean Diller was elected president, Martha Niswander, vice-president, Helen Wells, Secretary-Treasurer and Evelyn Gratz, Program Chairman.

Since all productions were arranged for before the club's advent, no production could be stared this term. Next year it is hoped that the National Thespians will be able to stage a play and oversee the production of the different class dramas.

Not only is producing plays encouraged and sponsored, but the writing of amateur dramas is likewise advocated and rewarded. Commendable work was done by a few of the students last fall. With the help of the National Organization the dramatic status if our school will be raised considerably.

Part of the work for next term will be the building up of a costume room. It is always difficult to obtain dress fitting for the various presentations, and an addition to the wardrobe will be a great benefit. Members will be asked to bring old clothes and also make new costumes. Money from plays will be used for this purpose and to obtain more make-up material. With these things in view the dramatic interest ought to be stimulated as never before.

Mr Stauffer, Dera Dillmat Evelyn Gratz, Garfield Griffith, Martha Niewander, & Scham Wells, Jean Diller, Heen Wells, Roland Bixler, Mr. Lon North Martha Reproduction, Louise Bearnth



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The 'Area leaves' the Bluffton High School Year Book, is published by the senior class. This photog aphie history of the school year has grown from a small package of pages with a paper cover to a large volume which rivals any ever put out by our school. During this progress it has also witnessed a similar progress of the student life here. We appreciate this advancement because no other menns than ours is afforded the privilege of portraying it

Although many irksome details are connected with the editing of this book, it is indeed a rare pleasure to be chosen to portray the events of our high school . - If in the years to come this publication will bring back fond memories, we will feel greatly

rewarded for our efforts.

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The Student Senate

Purpose of the Student Senate

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In the fall of 1928 the faculty of Bluffton High School decided that there should be some means of student government. The Student Senate was the result of their efforts. Through this organization the student body, with the help of the faculty and superintendent, work on new projects to better the school.

The members of the Student Senate are the representatives of the various organizations in the High School: the presidents of the four circles, of the G. R. and Hi-Y, representatives from N. F. L., boys' athletics, girls athletics, vocal music, instrumental music, the Annual Staff, and the faculty.

During the three years of its existence, the Senate has worked on many projects. The Pirate was chosen as an emblem to represent the athletic teams. The point system, in which points are given for grades, membership in organizations, officers of classes and for taking part in athletics, was adopted by the Senate. This year the Senate adopted the Bluffton-Richland High School Creed, and introduced the monitor system into Bluffton High. The monitors are members of the student body, whose duty it is to stop all unnecessary noise and loitering in the halls, and to assist visitors in any way possible. If the Student Senate has proven a success it is due entirely to the cooperation of the student Senate would have been assist as a senate would have been assist as a chinery.

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The Future Farmers of America

Organized-November, 1931—23 member A National organization consisting of National, State and Local Chapters Purpose—To promote interest in vocational agriculture.



No other with 23 members. The purpose of the organization is to promote interest in vocational agriculture and to develop leadership among rural people. The national organization consists of national, state, and local chapters throughout the country. Each boy enrolled in vocational agriculture is eligible for membership. A boy enrolling in this department for the first time becomes a "Green Hand," Then, after one year of successful class and some project work he is raised to the ranks of "Future Farmer." A Future Farmer having a good program of work and showing leadership is then eligible to become a "State Farmer" and later an "American Farmer Ohio now has about 150 local chapters with a large majority of the boys enrolled in agriculture belonging to the F. F. A

Regular meetings are held monthly and helpful discussion and recreation discussion are enjoyed by the members. The officers of this group include: President, Hershal Moore, Vice-President, Sidney Balmer, Treasurer, Francis Lugibill, Secretary, Gerald Huber, Reporter, Maurice Criblez, and Advisor, Harry F. Barnes. The members of the organization are: Future Farmers—Hershal Moore, Sidney Balmer, Francis Lugibill, Gerald Huber, Maurice Criblez, Ormel Schaeublin, Irvin Vandemark, Irvin Wayne Guider, Morris Amstutz, Wilmer Badertscher Gerald Basinger, Harold Mainten Research, Woodrow Herr, Rolland Matter and Harold Burkholder. Green Hands

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Public Speaking Department Plays

1927 "Merely Mary Ann."

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i in the Thirteenth Chair."

1931—"Under Twenty,"



UNDER TWENTY

Reflection, but because of money matters she becomes engaged to Donald Brown, a we, lthy young man from the West. Ida Farnum, the mother and head of the Farnum home, finds her greatest difficulty is taking care of her finances due to her poor arith metic and her extravagant tastes. Peeks, the youngest daughter, who claims she is "just a little under twenty," persuades her father to pretend bankruptcy in an effort to get her mother to save money. Peeks is continually trying to assist her father and her ball nature of the party she makes matters worse.

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The Junior Play

Junior Play

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THE ARRIVAL OF KITTY

The plot of this play centers about a certain Mr. Winkler who takes his sister-in-law and niece to Halycon House. There he tries to force his niece into marrying a man whom neither of them has ever seen. She asks him why he is so anxious to have he marry this man. He tells her it is because he will get \$10,000 from her father's will; and she will get her share in her father's estate, if she but man is this man

Winkler is very much in love with an actress by the name of Kitty. He gets a letter from her saying that she is coming to the Haleyon House. He knows if she does, his sister-in-law Jane, will never forgive him; so he sends her a message not to come. Jane makes a bargain with him, that if he gets her a husband, she will pay him \$10,000

All is well until his nicce's real boy-friend, Bobbie Baxter, turns up. Then he is dressed up as the actress, Kitty, to force Winkler to let him marry his niece. Again all is well and good until the bridegroom comes and Kitty, the actress arrives. It is a very lively comedy from beginning to end

Cart: Sam—Robert Motter: Ting—Kenneth Jackson: William Wires of Reed Hilty. Aunt Jane—Jean Diller: Suzette—Nancy Ruhl: Jane—Jane Miller: Robbit Baxter Robert Balmer: Benjamin Moore—Charles Emans: Kitty—Helen Wells



FORMER FACULTY PLAYS

1927—"Two Blocks Away." 1928—"Welcome Stranger." 1929—"Cappy Ricks." 1930—"The Wrong Mr. Wright." 1931—"Nothing But the Truth."

THE FACULTY PLAY-"NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH"

"Nothing But The Truth" is built upon the simple idea of its hero speaking nothing but the truth for twenty-four hours. He bets ten thousand dollars with some friends that he can do it, and all try to keep him from telling the truth and winning the money. For a very short time the task is rather easy, but then the fates turn against him. His partner's domestic relations and society standing are at stake when he tries to avoid little niceties that are classed as falsehoods. Reputations are smashed and swindles revealed. The love of his lady is almost lost, and discord in office, home, and community prevails until the twenty-four hours of telling the absolute truth, and nothing but the truth have passed, and Robert Bennett, that sensational hero, can clear everything by a new lift of the lost of the l

The local cast consisted of the following: Robert Bennett, George Balmer; E. M. Ruster, Some Stetter, Lick Proback, Carey Stener, Carrier V.5, Prec. Par. Strutter Leaves Prec. Kennett Carrier, Builston, betty Stewart Mr. F. M. Richer, Earl Ling, Eller Clark Denor Borrer Wood Jackson, Margaret Konney, Sinci Jackson, L. a M. Some Muther, Euro Puder

THE DRAMATICS CLASS PLAY-"MRS. BRIGGS OF THE POULTRY YARD"

The newly organized Dramatics Class gave its first three-act play at the Richland Grange Hall late in the spring. The purpose of this presentation was to show some of the ways that should be actual experience in giving dramatic productions. The play was well suited to the audience and was very successful.

Mrs. Briggs, a poor widow, made a living for herself and family by taking in washings. However, she was not satisfied with this so she asked Silss, a near relative whose great-grandfather's aunt was her grandmother's cousin, to lend her some money so she could buy an 'incubus' and 'shovel out chickens from morning till night.'

Christmas. So her long-cherished day-dream of "chickens bought and sold and made to order" came true.

While see we having her troubles with rickers only his Rape was having his in the form of Mr. Lee, who opposed his love affair with Virginia his daughter. This was entire, therefore having the was associated to the Virginia was accepted to, and was really Mrs. Briggs' niece and Ralph, Mr. Lee's long-lost son.

Station of Manay Barris, Mr. Brig. — sok stationed his way a to Slas' heart D. sy Traint is Vigoria trans, france permanent trans in January, Mrs. Brigs son. Mr. Eareflore, to bace care of Mrs. Brigs, but she fall has sted upon cratering along with the chickens.

It is left for us to imagine that the couples all lived happily,

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Mrs. Briggs—A woman of business
Her family:
Ralph
Jimmy
Alvira
Melissa
Silas Green—A Near Relation
Mr. Lee—A wealthy neighbor
Virginia Lee—His daughter
Daisy Thornton—Her Friend
Mrs. O'Connor—With no liking for parts
Stuttering Mandy

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Sas Diller

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Dor tly Rae Friplett

Ruth Berry

Martin Ni-wander

Erieda Lagabill

THE ALUMNI PLAY-"THE SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE"

In order to reimburse the treasury of the Alumni Association the three-act mystery of the least measure of the lea

to the local audience by Carl Smucker of the class of 1930.

Going to the hotel with the supposition that he is the only person in possession of the characters are the start to write a story about the place and its went is thrills. Comedy, mystery, and tragedy are introduced as Magee imagines himself in a place where characters come and go at will, all thinking they are the only ones having the characters come and go at will, all thinking they are the only ones having the characters come and go at will, all thinking they are the only ones having the characters come and go at will, all thinking they are the only ones having the latter than a story of the characters. As they exert have a transfer that the characters are the characters and the processes of the characters are the characters. The man action shows the characters are the characters are the characters are the characters.

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stutz, president of the Alumni Association.

THE MIXED CHORUS' OPERETTA-"LELAWALA

Lelawala is a dramatic operetta, the music of which is written by Charles Wakefield Cadman, and the words by George Murray Brown. The local presentation was an analysis of the cast was selected from the beautiful to the cast was selected from t

and girls' glee clubs.

This beautiful legend of Niagara, the "Thunder Waters" of the Indians provides the interpretary of the provides the interpretary, and a famous the Great Spirit as led or the sacrifice of a virgin and Necia, the Chief's daughter, volunteered. On a set day she drifted over Niagara Falls in a canoe; the anger of the Great Spirit was appeared and the famine ended

Many notable Indian characters in their peculiar costumes are introduced on the stage. War parties are included in and Indian legends and superstitions are revealed.

Let a report and damps until the garity is doubted by the population and or sacrifice. Lelawala, characterized here by Dora Dillman, is the one chosen to make the trip in the fatal canoe. At the moment of her departure a message from the Spirit point the band of Reisk is truly the girl is to be spaced. All ends happily as belowned is finally married to the warrior, Sowanas.

THE SENIOR PLAY-"BROKEN DISHES"

Broken Dishes is a play such as has never been presented in this community. The part of the part of the favor telef theatre goers of New York of the part of the favor telef theatre goers of New York of the Part of the favor the favor telef theatre goers of New York of the Milan, the two chargins, Myra and Mithe, laving down the law to be me, the bully of the house, who is deeply in love with Bill Clark, the delivery boy. Pa is about as important as the family cat as is clearly evidenced when he tries to get a word in edgewise during the family squabbles.

Embarrassing moments are found galore when Bill unwittingly comes in when the quarrel about the romance is at the highest peak. A new spirit is instilled into Pa to the state of the state

bride as the mother and sisters step into the room.

A stranger, who was previously thought by the mother to be an ideal husband, comes in near the close of the final scene and is revealed as a notorious criminal by a shrewd trick. Her idealism now being shattered the mother relents and permits the younger daughter to live in the quiet of tranquil married life. Odell Alspach and Louise Remail were selected to read the cast for the play wereh was presented on May 18th and 19th.

The cast of the Senior Play included: Jenny Bumpstead—Ruby Dudgeon, Myra I. most of Margarite Goger, Mobil Burgstead—Russ a Mentgenery, Franke Bungstead—Louise Benroth, Cyrus Bumpstead—William Wells, Bill Clark—Odell Alspach, Sam Green—Weldon Lightner, Rev. Dr. Stump—John Beagle, A Stranger—Garfield Griffith, and Grant—Ross Irwin.





HTHLETICS



Manager Stettler

Much of the team's success is due to the capable management of the mamfold duties connected with the business end of athletics. Bluffton is indeed fortunate to have such a capable manager as Mr. Stettler.

The difficult task of drawing up the schedule is one of the most important duties of the manager. In this capacity Mr. Stettler served most admirably and secured many worthwhile assignments for the Pirates. Contracts must be made, officials and transportation secured, injury and doctor bills be paid, in addition to keeping up the equipment of the squads. All these items make heavy demands on the treasury.

The athletic budget at Bluffton High School has t en unusually large and investigation of the condition of the treasury at once dispels all doubts as to the financial efficiency of our manager, Mr. Stettler.

Football History

Bluffton High was fir ' represented on the gridiron by an organized team in 1904, with Isaac Geiger as the fir t football coach.

terst practice, football has progressed and developed greatly. During these 27 years of football Bluffton has produced winning teams consistently. The first eleven to gain the well of the least the least to be a least to the least to be a least to the least leas

THE 1905 FOOTBALL SQUARE



Coach Robeson

"A constant source of inspiration to his teams at all times." That's the tribute paid to Coach Robeson by the Pirate warriors. Mere inspiration, however, will not win athletic contests as has been the hobby of the Crimson Tide in the past several years. A coach in addition to his technical knowledge of the game must be an ardent example of the highest ideals of sportsmanship and of clean and vigorous living

All of these qualities are admirably emulated in Coach Robeson. Learning the intricacies of competetive sports under the expert tutelage of Don Feder at Ohio University, Coach Robeson, as an outstanding athlete himself, knows how to train others, it training received under Robeson is not merely which is necessary to win games, but also the finer qualities of character and manhood so important in the development of the well-rounded life.

No higher tribute could be paid.



The Pirates

Leaving all opposition in the wake of their devastating obslaught the flashy undefeated, Bluffton High School Pirate eleven concluded, with a brilliant 6-2 victory over the barry to deal I ma South grocess, what was probably the great stigned or and the history of Bluffton High.

Even at the beginning of the school year prospects were unusually bright. The Bluffton forward wall was large and rugged. The average avordupois of the line was about 160 pounds which gave the Pirates a decided superiority in this department of the game.

The outstanding feature of the powerful Pirate offensive was the great Bluffton backfield. Prospects for a winning combination were considerably brightened with the return of itos from who not that the other activity where to be started in the Dragons' play the previous year. Odell Alspach with his characteristic shifty running and passing reported in excellent condition for the opening practice sessions. Co-Captains Garfield Griffith and Howard Triplehorn whose reputations as two of the most dangerous backfield men in this section of the state were well established, completed what many authorities terms, as "the greatest Bluffton backfood is the history of the school." This combination could pass, kick, run in the open field, plow the line, and block with a precision and speed seldom seen in high school athletic circles. Averaging his point the combined or an with brown, to form what prove to be the most danger out backfield in this section of the state, bar none.

Coach Jack Robeson proved to be the inspiration of the squad at the end of the season as he was at the start. Under his expert tutelage and inspiring guidance the team, after getting off to a frather slow start with Lima Central, improved with every game, climaxing the year's activities with one of the most brilliant land at the start of the start of the start of the start of the Robeson-coached machine.

Losses by graduation this year will be unusually heavy. On the line the following lettermen we be not Deriven Gener, Nelson Russeyer, Woodrow Lugent his William Walss, Myror Triplehorn. The entire backto d'composed of Garbe d'Grobith Roward Triplehorn, Odell Alspach and Ross Irwin will be lost by graduation. However, with 7 lettermer and four numeral players oft as a marklus, combined with the expert titelage of Jack Robe son and the majoratable Brufft in spirit the Pirates should again have a winning combination.

The Pirate Helpers

A considerable portion of the 1930 football success achieved by the Bluffton Pirates is due to the help of the large squad which turned out faithfully every night for some real practice. Heretofore, after the first few weeks of football there were seldom enough on the squad to make even two teams, whereas this year, a squad of about 35 fellows came out and worked until the very end of the season. Sixteen players received letters for their efforts and the following received numerals: Reed Hilty, Emerson Niswander, Kenneth Jackson, Sherwood Diller and Robert Matter. Among the other members of the squad who were not fortunate to receive awards yet this year but who did commendable work were: Konstantine Epp, Raymond Holden, George Musselman, Arnold Epp, Louis Foltz, Franklin Basinger, John Romey, Elmer Hinkle, Mark Garmotter, Robert Balmer and Ralph Locher. Besides helping the varsity by giving them competition in practice, to be a large of the good teams in the future.

Special credit should also go to the two student managers, Karl Gable and Lowell Boothby for their helpful support at all times in football and all other athletic activities of our school.

These pictures are photos of the Lima South-Bluffton Football Game held at Lima on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The game was won by a score of 6 to 2 by Bluffton and was termed the best exhibition of football ever given by any Bluffton team. This victory over the splendid South team established Bluffton as one of the best teams in Northwestern Ohio. The photos are given through the courtesy of the Lima Savings and Loan Company.





Football Lettermen: Manley Thompson, Ralph Reichenbach, Captain-elect: Dwight Diller, Odell Alspach, Ross Irwin, Garfield Griffith, Captain; Nelson Basinger, Howard Triplehorn, Captain.

Football

LIMA CENTRAL

This being the first game of the season, to Prate often a value weak r to detelect, owever, was good, and hit told places to studing Builton to waid wall be, for downs severa the all a teams seemed everty mortched, and the game ended in a scoreless tie.

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ADA

Continuing the pretacular much toward in ancie ded sea or the Bufften eleven, ed by Pripacioni, wob at 6.0 victory over Ada Halt. There was come as a fine paying throughout the game, and the beat line we at not me series of is sterrit. Remark and parsers by G. If the to Triplehore and the after characters or court than my features of the skirmish.

DELPHOS JEFFERSON

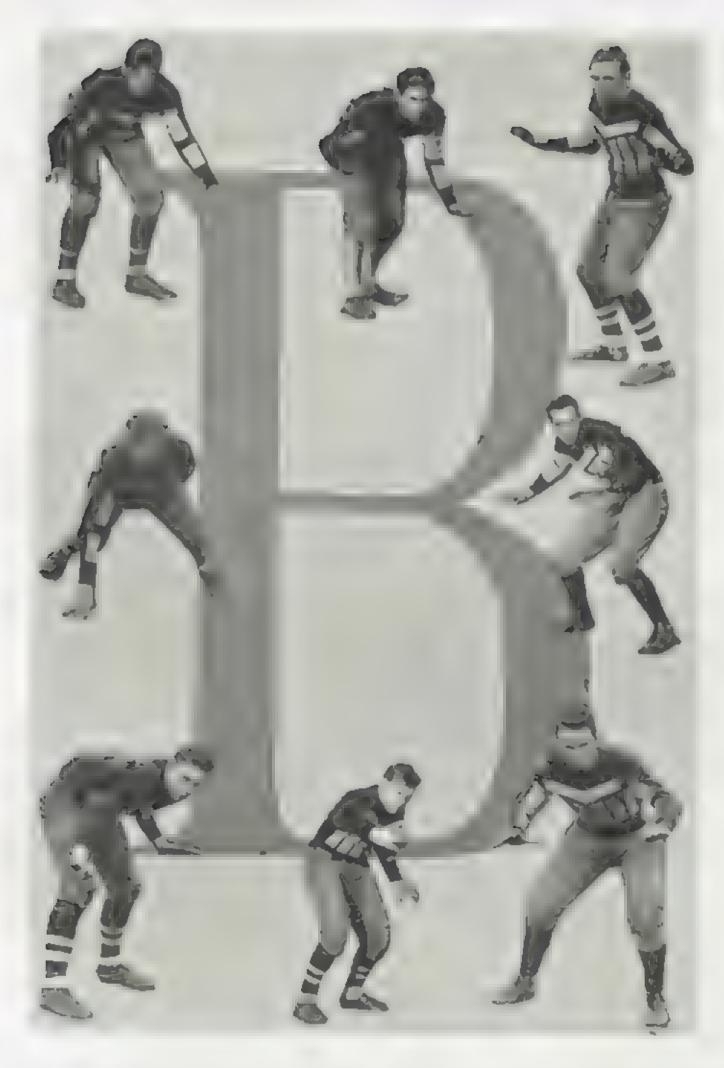
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PANDORA

PLATER High's Crimsen Tide swept to victory ever Panders's obsentive a semiof is 0, tous gaining sweet reverse too and type or a mean are retired to an pared a fine gray with Couff than I lipportops in legal control is given diese the largest crown that ever attended a teller, game a from in the a There were approximates two thousand people in attrustness, and all limite tracts were well satisfied.

LIMA SOUTH

This game proved to be the tought stiff the search. It was this encounter that give the Prates the fine rejutation among the High Sects at Northwetern Ohio South gamed a two point lead due to a me fort me or the Baca ers part The was the only lead that any team had in the Prates and seem he got that in the United quarter wien it was overcome by accurate passing by Griff in and the receiving of the passes by his team-mates. A well deserved victory put Briffton on the map with a score of 6 2



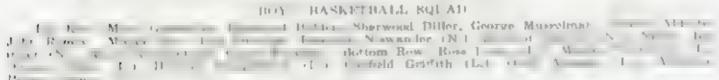
Football Lettermen: Donavon Geiger, Cleon Steiner, Woodrow Lugenbuhl, Myron Triplehorn, Hershal Moore, Richard Ludwig, Ford Henry, William Wells.

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Basketball

1930-31 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE BOYS' TEAM

Bluffton	Oppe	onents
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Bluffton 30	Ada	19
Bluffton 35		lora 8
Bluffton 23	Delp	hos Jeffersen 11
Bluffton 38	Vauj	ghnaville 10
Bluffton 46	Leip	sic 21
Bluffton 42	Dany	ville 25
Bluffton 67	Shav	vnee 16
Bluffton 24	Mt.	Cory 20
Bluffton 62	Colu	mbus Grove 13
Bluffton 22	Į¹pp	er Sandusky 15
Bluffton 58	Sper	cerville 12
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	State Tournament	
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Basektball Lettermen: Howard Tripplehorn, Captain; Odell Alspach, Ross Irwin, Garfield Griffith, Manley Thompson and Dwight Diller.

Basketball Resume

Sweeping through all opposition with its merciless offensive and its air-tight defensive the Bluffton High School basketball team closed an excellent season.

The final percentages tabulated at the close of the season showed that 22 games were won with but two reverses. An amazing total of 860 points was scored to the 459 counters by the opposition.

The initial contest found the Robesonmen facing the Lima Central outfit. In a target of the greater of the arrive of the way defeated 13 is. One my the seisen with the greater) of give the Productive for a impetus to keep the 19.0 of record about the fracting to be true the and playing in small gym the found to was easily downed 35-14. Another old rival met defeat the next night when the Ada team went down to defeat 30-19. In the next series of contests the quintets of Pandora, by the following town where A 1 Rebisson hist similarity the Productive to Dany he the following town where A 1 Rebisson hist similarity the Productive was avenged when Shawnes met defeat at Shawnes 67-16. This score was the highest region of the preceding year was avenged when Shawnes met defeat at Shawnes 67-16. This score was the highest region of the productive transfer the paper Sunda ky and Species he hum had at the hands of the power ful Pirate courtmen.

The first of the tournaments was entered when Bluffton again defeated Shawnee 40-14. Reaverdam was defeated 30-24. A great winning strenk of 15 consecutive overwhelming victories was broken in the next upset contest with Gomer when Bluffton was turned back 27-20. Nuf sed. Entering the sectional tournament with revenge in their time [1] to the company of the remaining the sectional tournament with revenge in their state. Teams humiliated here were Lima St. Johns Celina I. C., and Rockford.

With all former flash regained the Bluffton team entered the regional tournament with the part one of discourage of the first three game against Rakford Ner walk and York were won after many hair-raising situations that had threatened to stop the great Bluffter than Withmer was warp in the first first all the forth team was sent to the State tournament. This in itself is a great achievment. A fighting Pirate team went down to defeat in the first fracas against McConnelsville by the slim score of 25-24.

A successful season had been concluded. Unfortunately five members of the first to will be lost, Capital Taples or the Griffith O Dell V puch Ross laws and New or Basinger. The record of winning, sportsmanship, and loyalty shown by these men, will always be revered.

National Athletic Scholarship League

Severest critics of competitive athletics in our school systems maintain that athletics and scholarship are two abilities that are never found together.

In stole ship standards one with others of B. Iften Ber creamy high recomplication with the class tools of the number of Botton is active. Noticeal group the course ago and new has terminately in the organization. The recussive end thin for extreme spart operand in the organization are now students in the academic courses taken. Five members of this organization are now students in the achoois Howard Triplehorn, Garfield Griffith, Dwight Diller, Cleon Steiner, and Ross Irwin. Alamin of buffer also belong to scholars up athletic a planta are Naman Tripplehorn, the little of the country buffer and one little structure of the country of the country indicates of the other structures of the little structure of the country and prevent of the country and prevent of the country and prevent of the mind and body go hand in hand



Miss Stuckey

There is no success is due to our coach, Miss Stuckey, who has been a stand by for the term whether it won or lost. When the term needed a strengthening of more, our coach was there with a word of cheer and advice to help us through the term acts of the game. A coach and companion the Miss Stuckey is admired by every girl who works term or during the basketball season, or chums with her in social activities, or is under her tutclage in the classroom. We hope she will be as well liked in the future as she is by us



GIRLS' BASKFIBALL SPASON 1950/31

Bluffton 29	Mt. Cory 2:	Bluffton 22
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Girls' Backetball Sound Julia Basinger, Jean Diller, Nancy Ruhl, Ma.

Helen Hartsler, Dorothy Basinger, Vedabelle Cabill, Phyllis Tripplehorn Peabor Worthingto Melvenn Lugthish, Thelma Wingate, Miss Stuckey, Coach, Helen Wells, Violet Garn R. Yolenda Hoter (Nameral Manuscrito Gorger, Captain, Jane Mitter, Mary King, I Py Rae Triplett, Vera Habenger, Ruth Berry





Chris' Bankethall Letter Players Marcella Steiner, June Miller, Vera Haberger, Marguerite Letger Capture, No. 13, 10 chl.

Girls' Basketball Team

As a whole, the basketball season this year can be called a success, considering that a team of new material had to be organized. The playing started out rather slowly in the beginning of the season, but after practice and experience, it ended in a grand climax.

The first two games were practice games with Mt. Cory, an old rival. We won both by only a few points. The first game on the schedule was with North Baltimore, our superintendent's former school, and was won by Bluffton by the score of 40-17. The Lafayette game wasn't so easy as the score, 21-19 indicates. This defeat doesn't near so much though since they were vanquished by us in the tournament.

After a defeat at the hands of the Lafayette lassies we staged a comeback on the following evening by a victory of 24-15 over Ada. The next game, a slow-moving one with Pandora, ended in favor of the local girls with the board showing 18-12.

Coming out of the Pandora slump the Pirate sextet displayed new team-work and ability against Vaughusville and Leipsic and in both cases came home with the larger part of the score and added morale.

Two of the hardest games of the season were played during the next week with Shawner and Mt. Cory. The tot with the Indian girls was reported as the best player of the year with Berry and the forwards doing exceptional playing. The score was a tie, 16-16. The Mt. Cory fray was an equally interesting one and provided many thrills

The undefeated Columbus Grove team handed us a setback by 6 points. At Upper Sandusky the game was moving along with the score tied most of the time until the third quarter when we finally entered the stretch and favored ourselves by the score of 41-30. In this game Jane Miller made 19 points. Spencerville was the last school scheduled, and their lassies met defeat on our floor with points of 35-19 showing at the end of the fourth quarter.

Tournament time came with Bluffton opposing Lafayette in the first round. The latter's defeat paved the way for the semi-finals where the thrilling game with Spencer ville was played. In this contest we trailed until the end of the half after which we came back and accredited ourselves with a victory by one point. Gomer was easily defeated in the finals, and the Bluffton Girls' Basketball season ended with the County Championship for the seventh consecutive year.



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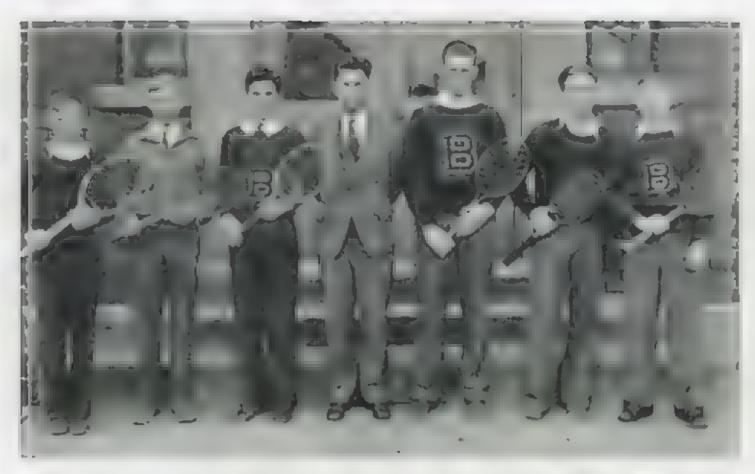
BLUFFTON GIRLS' BASKETBALL HISTORY

The idea of competitive girls' basketball originated in Bluffton about 1908 and as might be expected was regarded as a very shocking and unlady-like sport. This first team was a city team which played Lima and other nearby cities and towns. Although it was not connected with the school, this team spread the idea of a girls' sport and brought about the first high school girls' team in 1909 or 1910. Reigh Brandenburg, now Mrs. Wilhelm Amstutz was the first girls' couch and remained in that position until 1913.

During Miss Brandenburg's last year (1912-13) a state-championship team composed of Fanny Lauby, (Mrs. Harvey Gratz), Ella Steiner, (Mrs. Haydn Basinger), Hazel Augsburger, (Mrs. Herbert Marshall), Edyth West, (Mrs. Clarence Fridley), Genevieve Betchner, and Gertrude Niswander, (Mrs. T. C. Anderson), was developed. The claim to the state title came about in this way. After an undefeated season, a picture of the team was put in the Sunday issue of the Cleveland Plain Dealer and a challenge to any girls' town team in the state was given. Since tournaments at that time were unknown affairs, the challenge stated that any and all games would be played on a neutral floor. One team responded to this challenge but but would not play on a neutral floor so Bluffton did not consider this a fair challenge and laid claim to the state title without playing anymore games.

Successful seasons have been enjoyed ever since that time under the expert guidance of I. C. Geigr, Miss McKinney, Miss Milburn, Miss Margaret Schawan, and Miss Stuckey, the present coach who came to our school in 1927. During the last seven years some especially fine teams have been developed and each team has attained the highest possible honor—the county championship.

Next year there will be no county tournament due to a ruling of the State Athletic Commission but proponents of girls' basketball are hoping that the sport will continue in our school and in neighboring scookle so that a successful season's schedule may be enjoyed by future teams.



The Tennis Sound Charles Steiner, Konstantine Epp, Gordon Alde and ex Souther, Couch and Ludwig, Tom Perry, Robert Baimer, John Roll Paul Reschler, Gorgo Maria and

Tennis

The return of spring in 1930 brought out a large group of candidates for the tennateum. Only one veteran, Perry, was on hand at the opening of the secon. With Tom as the nucleus a new combination of racket wielders was organized which fared well for a new team. Wapakoneta was trimmed twice during the secon by scores of the and 5-0. Findlay proved too strong in the first encounter 1-5 but was held to a tie 3-3 on a return engagement at Findlay later in the season. Bowling Green defeated the Inals 5-0 and 2-1. Perry, Balmer, Alderfer, Ludwig and Romey bore the brunt of the battles.

Epp and Steiner. To date this combination has been very successful and will enter the district tennis competition at Toledo Waite. Findlay has been defeated twice 4-3 and 4-2, Bowling Green 4-1 and Wapakoneta 4-2. A return match is scheduled at Wapakoneta and negotiations are under way for contests with Van Wert. The squad is locking forward with high hopes for the Estruct most a design group on May 22 and 23. Two years ago the team swept through the district competition and this group is being groomed to duplicate their record.



THE 1930 BASEBALL SQUAD

Baseball Summary

Faced with an almost hopeless task of producing a team from a squad of twenty-to-folius activate in producing a team from a squad of twenty-to-folius activate in producing a team from a squad of twenty-to-folius activate in producing a team from a squad of twenty-to-folius activate in producing a team from a squad of twenty-to-folius activate in description and combination that won four out of five games. The opening game saw the Bluffton inne defeated by the champion Harrod team to the tune 17-3. However, after more practice and experience the Pirate aggregation downed all remaining opponents, backed by the stellar pitching of "Shorty" Gratz. In the second fracas the Waynesfield nine was defeated 10-1. Playing the first home game of the year the Beaverdam team was downed 6-1 in a game repiete with thrills. Columbus Grove was the next nine to meet defeat. Again Gratz pulled the game out of the fire in the sixth frame, by whifing two Grove hatters. The flual game of the season saw the Pirate nine in action against the Lafayette team. This game was characterized by much verbal argument between the Lafayette coach and the referee, the Bluffton lads winning both the argument and game, the latter by a score of 8-4. This certainly was an unusual season's record for a green team and much credit must be given to Coach Robeson.

A continuation of last year's success has been shown in the 1931 season. Only one game was marked on the wrong side of the ledger; the game lost to the Welshmen of Gomer 6-4. Beaverdam was turned back to the tune of 27-8 with a barrage of hits and that seemed unstoppable. Shawnee met their first reverse at the hands of the

The large squads out for places on the team promise high quality teams in the future and much can be expected from the Bluffton baseball nine again next year. The members of the 1931 squad include Captain Odell Alspach, Howard Triplehorn, Rostrwin, Sidney Bulmer, Manley Thompson, Jim Morrison, Wilford Gratz, Nelson Basinger, Garfield Griffith, Woodrow Lugibill, Emerson Niswander, Ralph Locher and Hugh Niwander.

A Tribute to Clean Sports

Bluffton High School enjoys and has enjoyed for a long time past a reputation as a school sponsoring clean sports. Letters from friendly enemies, statements from officials, and public opinion wherever Bluffton teams have gone, all amply attest to this. This has been due to the coaches, the teams themselves, and last but not least, the attitude of the Bluffton spectators. To play clean and hard and to be a good loser has been the aim of the school since the beginning of athletics. It is the sincere hope of all friends of the school that this spirit may be maintained and fostered throughout the years to come. We want winning teams but only if these teams can abide by the spirit and the letter of the rules.



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"Glittering Spires"

Far into the heavens, like a giant pillar of steel, extends the mirror-like spire of one of mans finest creations, the Empire State building. To the unthinking mind this spectacle is the object of wonder and admiration. The spire is the locus of observation. To the thinking mind, though, an entirely different sight is revealed. It is not the shafts of steel-it is not the thousands of windows reflecting like myriads of lakes the rays of a noon-day sun, but the tons of concrete that have been poured on the solid rock far below

the surface to form the foundation for the massive pile of steel,

Similarly stands the civilization which bore such a supreme achievement. The highest peaks of industrial and intellectual progress from far above anything man has ever seen. Reflections of the rays of advancement are seen in thousands of inventions and discoveries. But what is there to support these spires? Digging down below the surface do we find the foundation of this civilization founded on solid rock? We seek in vain and stand wonderingly by as the destructive tornadoes of the past are being borne again in the turmoil of a rapidly advancing age. Already the structure is awaying in the light breezes that precede the testing storm. Let us now turn to these breezes and

To all the described that reconsiders court is

First to be seen, as one examines this swaying structure of civilization (in which 2'r of our population control almost two-thirds of our wealth) is the immense power placed in the hands of a few. To this may be traced the apparently widely separated industrial, political and social tremors shaking our engineering marvel of civilization, A compagate a report by Paragent Wilson Company has I had been with filiated financial groups held absolute control over more than two and one-half million workers. By virtue of the wage and the job, then, the captains of industry can almost determine whether or not millions of people shall be permitted to live. As a result we find the following startling figures in a current labor magazine. While incomes of over and he are according to the min her received to the charles of the creased to the extent that the appalling total of over one-half of our family heads are receiving less than \$1,500 annually. With this standard of distribution prevailing, milhons of people, unable to eke out a comfortable living, are forced to live in dirty, germ filled hovels, many freezing to death in winter and all living a life of misery among the squalor of our industrial districts. Imagination then, can easily picture the scene of a form describe with the adverse of securities, going and a find some food for them regardless of the method. Here lies the cause, as America's most famous sociologists will agree, of a large proportion of America's most serious problem—crime.

Much worse than this, though, is the control achieved by the large capitalist over our state and national governments. Either thru the labbyiet, whose power is enormous, the controlled press or by direct office holding itself they have gained great control over the devious wires of government. Indeed, according to former Ambassador Gerard, who was in intimate touch with our government, sixty-four men indirectly control the United States government at the present time. Our tariff laws and the refusal to enact social legislation laws are several comparatively minor examples of this

control held by the giants of industry.

A far-reaching result of this political control is that to it may be traced a large proportion of the blame for many of the wars of history and to the present prevalence of militarism. The ordinary person has no wish to fight. His happiness consists of living peacefully at home with his family. But, alas! it is not to be. The economic battles engages in his the way equivilies in the strapper for profit the strapper for profit the strapper of the controlled in the past World War, to the arousing of a hot-headed nationalism by the controlled ress and from thence to war. As we recall that everyone who is acquainted with the facts agrees that another war means the destruction of civilization we may readily see the necessity of destroying the hold of capitalism on government. Business should be forced to function for itself.

The remedy for these conditions, and their cause, lies not, as many would propose in communism, nor need it even be socialism although some socialistic principles will no doubt be included. It at once becomes evident that each individual tremor can be counteracted or the entire cause removed. Both methods may be used to advantage. By lowering the income tax rates on the smaller incomes and greatly increasing them on the very high incomes the fundamental cause can be partially abolished and the whole structure of civilization placed on a more solid basis. It should be borne in mind at this time, though, that our purpose is not to discourage the building up of large incomes but rather to a sum the lation and advantage by the highest late of the lation of the latio

We may check the industrial power and at the same time prevent the development

used to prevent unnecessary dischargement and a system of labor boards, composed of laborers and employers together should be formed to regulate the wages and hours of configuration to the power to either all contents to a small content which dischargement and at the same time the fundamental cause would have its sharp edge removed.

Political control, upon the achievement of the above would be partly removed. No longe but the by the ferrit of the wind, lose the above would be partly removed. No pleased while the hold of the immensely rich would be cut down in proportion to their incomes. Futher steps however would be necessary to remove all danger of undus control. The property of the propert

Ah! America, you must awake from your false security. The time is now come when these increasingly dangerous elements must be removed or the wonderful achievements and civilization you have given the world will crash to the ground and pass into oblivion. The resentful millions of unemployed crowding your streets may at any time arouse themselves in their anger and plunge the whole nation—and world into turmoil. Shall we allow this to happen? The answer is no—America's priceless contributions to civilization must be preserved for future generations.

--- Delivered by Paul Hirschler, Valedictorian of the class of '31 at Commencement, May 21, 1931.

The Honor Roll

Each year special recognition is given to the Seniors with the highest scholastic standing. The valedictorian of the Class of '31 is Paul Hirschler. The determination of this honorary position was not difficult since Paul has stood at the head of his classes during all four years of High School. Although no one class would know the answer to a perplexing question, he could always be counted upon to supply the correct answer. However, more difficulty was encountered when a salutatorian was chosen. In close that will be a like the countered when a salutatorian was chosen. In close that the countered when a salutatorian was chosen. In close that the countered when a salutatorian was chosen. In close

Near the close of the year, the eight Seniors ranking highest in the class competed in the Second Annual Senior Scholarship Examinations at Lima. In these comprehensive converge tests, its receiver, it is 100 sector to the majority receiver as the of Houriable Mention in Allen County and Roland Bixler won honorable mention in the Northwest Onio District.

The ranking of the first five Seniors for the entire four year course was as follows: Paul Hirschler 91.07 per cent, Frances Musselman, 89.67 per cent, Roselia Montgomery, 89.266 per cent, Roland Bixler, 88.7 per cent and Frances Criblez, 88.27 per cent.

The Activities Honor System

In 1929 the Student Senate of Bluffton High School adopted a system whereby the continuous of the Senate Classing the atomics and given recigiting with if they did not rank quite so well in scholarship. This system takes into consideration the problem of the problem of Scholarship, which is the late Classic Classic Classic Ship, Instrumental and Vocal Music, Hi-Y, Girl Reserves, and Dramatics. The records of each student and his activities are kept during the four years and totalled at the end of the Senior year. By this method, the individuals who have contributed to the betterment of the school, are given due recognition and honor. This year for the first that is a first that the school of the first that is a first that the school of the school o

The first eight seniors have points to their credit as follows: Garfield Griffith, 199, Root I to your that I have the transfer of the Month of the





The Manuscript Extraordinary

One rainy day in the year of 1955, as I was dusting the books in the Bluffton High School ideas, I chanced upon a little, out manuscript. Upon turning the pages I discovered that it was an old dury of the 19-1 class of Bufftor High School, written in 194 by the diustrous Learse Benreth, in ssionary to the heather Hetterfet. The learner part of the manuscript ran as follows:

Jan. 1, 1945—Senator John Beagle and his charming wife, the former Miss Wilner visiting, were the guests of honor at my New Year's Party. Nelson Steller, A bassic is to Africa, just returning to his native land, dropped in unexpectedly. Coach Oscar Odell Aspace, the present coach of 'Our Gang Comedes was quite keyed apported with making love to the widow, Neva Badertscher.

Jan. 5, 1945—Whom should I meet this morning, when at the local market, but holded Matter, we away so hing tish, and it mayor. Or get, seating ontons trem its track taim? To-day I was put in charge of my former classmate's (Evelyn Gratz's) small non. In order to entertain such a child properly I took him to the circus. There we saw we don't gitter, sed ng peanuts to feed to the clip arts (a breigh it was an it or i meanst him from the eaphants). We also saw hiz deth. Knower in the lide stow a tip woman with three eyes.

Jan. 12, 1945—Upon picking up the morning paper I discovered Miss Mabel Steiner giving advice to all the lovelorn he's and she's.

Jan. 20, 1945—Of all the surprises, today's is the best. Mr. William Wells, the noted orchestra conductor from Roxy's Theatre, New York, accompanied by his charming wife and six little Billies, called upon me. They said that Roland Bixier was taking out a putent for a tonic to increase growth.

Jan. 25, 1945—I received a letter this morning from Alma Shalley, scamstress deluxe, informing me that Paul Hirschler, the famous Atlantic City lineguard, had rescued two of his classmates from a briny death. They were Misses Mae Nusbaum and Vera tlaberger.

Feb. 2, 1945—To-day is the day I left for my vacation. On the train was Howard Impaction and his brace, the former Miss Eleanor Matter. They are given a little of tectures on "How to raise a Family."

Reb. 4, 1946—At a small town in Indiana I saw Harold Bell bossing a telephone gong to my surprise Barold Burkho der and Woody Lagenbar, were members of the gang

Feb. 10, 1945—At South Bend, I chanced to meet Woodrow Herr and James West working at the "Lathies Outhitting." The attractive floor-walker was beginning wander.

Feb. 11, 1945—This evening I saw Dora Dillman starring in the play, "Get Your Man," and Hugh Neswander was the man lifew i am neeting there old classifies of name.

Feb. 20, 1945—While in New York City to-day, I attended the wedding of Frances Musselman and Tom Perry. The preacher officiating was Rev. Nelson Basinger.

Feb. 27, 1945—While slumming today I crossed a railroad track and whom should I see but Rosa Irwin as engineer of the train. Another sight for sore eyes was Garfield Griffith bumming his way along the tracks.

March 5, 1945—At the Colonial Theatre in Cleveland yesterday it was my pleasure to see Lagra Jourson, Marione Stratton, Marie Scoles, Famice Moser and Raby Dadgeon in the "Rainbow Chasers." A former acquaintance, Snerwood Diller, was ushering at this theatre.

Ma ch 16, 1945. While is Chappewa to day I visited Marguer to Geiger, who is now the matron of the Old Maids' Institution. I was sorry to hear that Derotry Herry and Ross la Montgomery were living out their days in this same nome because of hig ted love affairs. While attending a night cub, I danced to the strains of Bixel. Bituminous

Belowers Members of this red hot, syncepated orchestral included Clear Parkley and Frances Criblez. At the table opposite us, were Myron Triplehorn and his third wife, the former Madeliene Gaiffe. Everyone had a good time due to the entertainment provided by the hostesses, Cleona Reichenbach and Aleene Balmer.

March 19, 1945-Home again! How strange that I should have met so many of my old classmates on this trip. I was also glad to hear of the success of Verena Winkler and Anna Watkins, who are chief cook and bottle washer, respectively, in the O. K. Grill, which is still a thriving enterprise. And Paul Stauffer, our former class proctor, has at last captured "the woman of his dreams."

How sorry I was that here, the manuscript should be torn and blurred. But the part which was legible brought back fond memories of our high school days.

Jokes

Mr. Robeson was giving a lesson on the creation of life. Irvin Steiner interrupted with the remark, "My father says we are descended from apes."

Mr. Robeson-"Your private family matters have no interest for the rest of the class."

Freshman: "Roland, how was your blind date last night?" Retard 3. "Awful thin of but see could go through those with at striking a note".

The following is what Marguerite Geiger handed in for a short story assignment of Miss Enders:

Part One He came.

Part Two

He saw.

Part Three

She conquered.

Weldon: "Do you expect to be buried in a grave vault?"

Paul H. "Well now, that's a grave question."

Bill Wells: "A penny for your thoughts."

Eleanor: "What do you think I am, a slot machine?"

Dorothy B. "I know one man we are all dying to see."

James West: "Who is that?"

Dorothy: "The Undertaker."

Charles Emans: "He's the dumbest man in town."

Marion Burkholder: "Oh now Charles, you're forgetting yourself."

Emmy N. "He always has his nose in a book."

Bob M. "Why the heck doesn't he use a hanky?"

Stauffer (to Sid) "I proposed to both Miss Kimmel and Miss Boss last night," Sid: "And they both refused you."

Stauffer: "How did you know."

Sid: "I saw them shaking hands over something out in the halls this morning."





Jounette S. "I just love birds." Ross Irwin (shyly) "I've been told that I was a little cuckoo." 0.00 0 0 0 Jean Diller: "Did you see Francis Devier has a cookie duster." Mary King: "Yeah! that tickles me." John Beagle: "What's the lump on the front of your car." Hugh N. "Oh, the radiator just had a boil." Motor Cop (producing notebook): "What is the big idea of all this recklessness? Now first, what is your name?" Recklessness plus: "Magdalene Badertscher Neuenschwander." Cop (putting notebook away): "Well, don't let me catch you again." 0.0 Let One wake zero he gentle nor wite overs to all love per concentrations Paul Schumacher. At 3:30 A. M. the farmer roused Si Diller, his newly hired hand. Said Si: "What's the matter?" The boss: "It's time to go to work." Si: "What doin'?" The talkative farmer: "Reaping." Inquisitive Si: "Reaping what?" The farmer: "Oats." Silas: "Are they wild?" Farmer: "Sure not." Bright Silas: "Well, if they ain't wild, what's the use of sneaking up on them in the dark?" Biology Professor: "What is a good way to get rid of clothes moths?" Violet Garmotter: "Take them out in the sun and beat them." 0.0.0 What would happen if-Wilner Mumma forgot her comb? Weldon Lightner quit laughing? Paul Stauffer shaved off his mustache? Bob Matter lost his voice? Ruby Dudgeon was not so bossy? Alma Shalley would loose her temper? Roland Bixler could play the flute? Marguerite Geiger was not in love? Eleanor Niswander moved away from William? Fern Stuart never smiled? Andrew J. Robeson wasn't married? Paul Hirschler made a "C"? Gar Griffith lost his appetite? Louise Benroth got an "A" in conduct?

Odulla Lugibill: "I'd like to buy a shirt with a 14 collar and 34 sleeves," Bob Balmer (the harassed clerk): "What's this for? A centipede?"

Mr. Longsdorf lead cheers at a football game?

Dora Dillman were a preacher's daughter?

Mr. Stettler were married?

1881 - "GOLDEN JUBILEE" - 1931

History of the Bluffton High School Alumni Association

By Maude Murray Boehmer, '84

Foreword

To write an interesting history one must necessarily have some authentic records, for, even the one is it. Metrusclan's class, year catally be expected to remember every thing.

Upon asking for the early records, I was informed they were accidentally burned several years ago. So my help along that line has been very meager indeed; and any it accurage is which was may note, will be for wart of knowledge or my part, wit no inclination to overlook or slight anyone.

Father Time is here beside me And he points with finger stern At the chest which holds our school days Bidding me the Key to turn,

So I take the Key of Memory From the shelf of Day's-that's-been, And I turn it backward slowly As I meekly look at him.

Now I'm reveiling in the contents Which his years have placed inside And in fancy see the school-mates Who have journeyed by my side,

Hand in hand we'll make the journey To the Land of Used-to-Be, Where the early seeds were planted For this "Golden Jubilee."

He, who did the initial planting. Soon passed on to larger spheres And tonight we see fruition He had visioned thru the years.

On October 1st, 1877, the Board of Education of the Bluffton Special School District, authorized the estable ment of a High School Grade with a three year coarse of stanty.

This was the first High School in the Village of Bluffton and the course offered the following school and the course offered the following school and the general between the transfer of the transfer of the transfer of teaching were also required during the course.

Now, those words, "drill in elecution" still have the power to cause a shiver of fear up and down my spine, as I recall the Fridays when we were required to step to the rostrum and "speak our piece" (which invariably we had neglected to prepare) and just what our particular class would have done, I can't surmise, had not Henry Wadsworth Longfellow written:

"The day is cold and dark and dreary It rains, and the wind is never weary. The vine still clings to the moldering wall And at every gust the dead leaves fall; And the day is dark and dreary."

As the "Kiddies" would say, "we took turn-about" reciting it and am sure wore it quite threadbare of interest.

In the spring of 1881, a beautiful ship appeared in the Bluffton harbor.

It had been in the making for three years, and the builder was careful to put into it everything of value necessary to make it maiestic and seaworthy, for it had a wonderful mission—that of carrying its passengers every May-time to the Gateway of Life, where open roads to all parts of the world lay before them and where golden opportunities stood beckening.

Along the side of this beautiful vessel in letters of gold, we read, "Alumni-Queen



of Max, while floating from the spar, the land free is a bander marked 'B' float Progress."

On the bridge we see Captain Patterson, while on deck stand his six passengers ready for the maiden voyage.

Wafted to us on the breeze or established to use of a continue, "O Proceedings

Mighty God," ther to savet stamps of "Montaght or the Lage"

Now we are listening to comments from this interesting sextette and thru them you will be given the titles of the entire program of the first commencement:

Helen Barnes, standing at the bow with face uplifted says in her dramatic voice,

"We are Leaving the Bay, the Ocean is Before Us."
"Earth's Battle Fields," as well, remarks Rolla Hickey.

Emma Lugabili reminds them it is, "Not for School but for Life We Learn" in our "Grand March to Sunset Land."

But Willis Hutchins is inclined to view it as, "The Book of Fate" and not caring to

analyze further.

Lillife Clark deciles to go or "I for lower with Mr. Hute as regueles."

Standing nearby is dear little Minna Herrmann, who cautions the Pilot to beware of "Palse Lights," but he assist that he are the region with a contain so that hard

Anchor is weighed and they are off, with hearts "Happy and Light" in the realiza-

tion that the launching had been a grand success.

Each year "Alumni" has returned to her home port, taking abourd new passengers in ever increasing numbers, but at heart she is the same Queen Mother and loves her increasing family dearly.

She is not only Mot a but "Grad alles" to will Or course, year will writte know who her first granddaughter and grandson are, for every one is interested in the very first child.

Helen Kibler, of the class of 1909, was Queen Alumni's first grand-child. Her mother, Mrs. Ida Kibler graduated in 1884.

As on Majors, of 1922, we the following Lore, He statler, Horace Murray having entered the realm in 1886.

You may be the stee no few ster from the star legs book will rem no of the various captains.

"The second commencement was held in the old M. E. church which was crowded from the American flag which hung back of the pulpit to the bell rope that swung in the gallery.

Miss Emma Murray had the opening address; her subject being, "Elements of Success:" Miss Hettie Vernon followed with "Idleness a Thief;" B. S. Ferrall spoke on the "20th Century:" Miss Nettie Jackson took a trip on the "Ocean of Life," after which William Marr gave "The Progress of the Ages," as the valedictory.

The commencement was a complete success in every way and Captain Patterson is

entitled to great credit for the conscientious work he is doing while in Bluffton."

After nine years' work he took the "Long, Long Trail" and the pilot wheel was given over to Captain U. M. Shappel, who very ably held command from 1887 to 1894; ering which the effective presidently and every address genal extra

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Captain Shappe I (investors to a more to B. F. Beav, who raid from 884) to 1900; then E. C. Akerman from 1900 to 1906; C. A. Arganbright from 1906 to 1914; C. C. Nardin from 1914 to 1920; C. E. Bender from 1920 to 1925; A. J. B. Longsdorf from 1925 to the present time.

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1883: in which she says: "We met use mid you the home at Proford Mrs Patter it would fit ally aid motherly interest in us all has remained one of the pleasant outstanding memories of those years of long ago

"The general routine at those early meetings was, first of course, business, which

we took very seriously, you may be sure.

"The meeting would resolve itself into informalities.

"We gathered around the little reed cabinet parlor organ-and who does not recall the little parlor organ which always played a major role at those early meetings—and sang solos, duets, or all joined in the songfest,

"Youth, which was not satiated in those days, lent a glamour to little homely pastimes, in a day when there were no automobiles, no radios, no motion pictures, no airplanes, etc.

"At these meetings, Prof. Patterson if not presiding, loomed over all, with the fine, serene dignity befitting a great assemblage or convention.

"Our revered Mrs. Patterson climaxed the evening by serving cake and lemonade." After this retrospection, Mrs. Marr says, "Although there will be many friends present whose memories are cherished and whom I would like to see once more, I do not expect I will be in Bluffton May 22nd, but assure you my thoughts will be with you all in making the 50th year, a truy glorious 'Golden Anniversary.'

"The alumni meeting for 1885 was held at the A. G. Kibler home, at which time a plate lunch was served," writes J. D. Ewing of said class, and continues Dawson:

"I discovered at that time that I had a very poor lap, for I nearly dropped my plate."

The fifth reunion was held at the residence of W. B. Richards. The address of the control of the

Miss Helen Barnes then read a fine memorial on the death of Maggie Lambert, who

In 1908, quoting again from the Log-book, "The 28th annual meeting of the Bluffton High School Alumni Association was held in the large and pleasant Odd Fellows hall, under the auspices of the Patterson graduates.

"As the organization then numbered about 250 members, it was decided at the last annual meeting to divide the responsibility and honors of getting up the annual entertainment and arranging the program,

"By mutual consent the whole affair, including all the officers, was assigned to the pupils of S. C. Patterson.

"Covers were laid for 150, at tables artistically decorated in purple and gold, the 1908 class colors.

"A fer see tire over the hope to prove at the honeset, Mr. lea K. He., the presiding officer, called the happy assembly to order.

"Seated by her side was the honored guest of the evening, Mrs. S. C. Patterson.

"After a well rendered piano solo by Miss Helen Kibler and roll call by Miss Gertrude Emison, the president read an excellent paper reviewing former school years and concluded by extending a very cordial welcome to the class of 1908. Miss Emma Woods, in behalf of her class, responded in well worded terms.

referred to the time when she resided in Bluffton, its many pleasant associations and her love for the place and its people.

"Papers paying a loving tribute to the memory of their departed Captain, were really Mrs William Relation of Line of Line of Line of Latin Againated Ostendorf of Delphos, and "yours truly" of Cleveland.

Here I read the the proof mander story to see dearton, came from the large of Paracle 1, 'BSF risk of Books of Akron; H. K. Eston, Olea City, 'S Jove R A linker, Humane from The sugar of 'Secon, Days' closed the literary program."

of the very best alumni entertainments in the history of the organization. It will linear long and pleasantly in the memories of all who were privileged to attend.

Or war little anothers in her in conver her an transmit at the hardsome invitations were monogrammed "S. B. G." reminding one that this year's entertainment was under the immediate auspices of the Shappell graduates.

"John Bixel of the class of 1888 was toastmaster; I. B. Beeshy of 1893 gave the adtest of velocity with form Spars, or or 1995 regarder. He of Bertley of 1895 gave a talk on "Prospect and Ottropest."

Frank Owens, by C. D. Althaus; J. S. Herr, by Noah Basinger; Morris Triplett, by Waldo Diller.

"A paper on "The New Teacher" written by S. S. Dunham was read by J. R. Nicholson owing to Mr. Dunham's absence. Mrs. J. T. Conway gave "Our History" wherein she showed that many of the Shappell graduates are actively engaged in positions of honor and trust.

"Remarker of were given by Mrs. 10, its Huge on, then Captain Scapper, gave them "Another Lesson" closing with "Auld Lang Syne,"

"The tributes of respect reliables stygened gracers literacced was extructed that a wasterforming states to the reliable superior for the series of D

Those who had the evening's entertainment in charge are to be congratulated upon the mann r at we chart extended to the condition of the interest of the inter

"Next year the six classes which graduated under Captain B. F. Biery will have charge of the entertainment."

I am sure that all subsequent meetings have been quite as interesting as their predict sors, but I ac not begin to have a various of the Monter they are if such recent dates, the proceedings are doubtless still fresh in your memory.

been for their 'Annual Leave property of the property of the second term to a true sketch would not have been possible, and I'm hoping that whoever is called upon to write the history of the next fifty years will find something quite as helpful.

Now a few words for the dear ones who are working out their life problems in a higher school.

Their presence lingers still about the room; Their footsteps echo yet upon the floor; Their cheery smile still brightens all the gloom Though they have hurried out and shut the door.

And biding here below we can but pray That blue and kindly skies above them bend For whither they have journeyed we shall go On to the Journey's end.

And even though they have gone from our mortal vision, the Love which each expressed is still testified in the transfer of the first interest it cannot be stilled, and some day we will hear the welcome greeting,

Oh, here we are together a state of a state of a few are the first and the first are t

through the vertex You and the time Open and the extreme the none of tool and put person to the mitted too. A trayer is the swiftly, it will mellow the tart spirit of "Too Many Birthda a" by letting you enjoy the magnetic and put of Idle Wall of a sting "I on V value".

As you sail out on Life's golden stream, May the Pilot who guides and protects you, Help you realize all of your dreams.

We cannot close this history without a tribute to the finest little village on earth; and regression that we be warden with the best HOME to unfer the first terms.

True as the blue of the larkspur, Warm as the red of the rose, White as the lily we'll keep her As onward and upward she goes.

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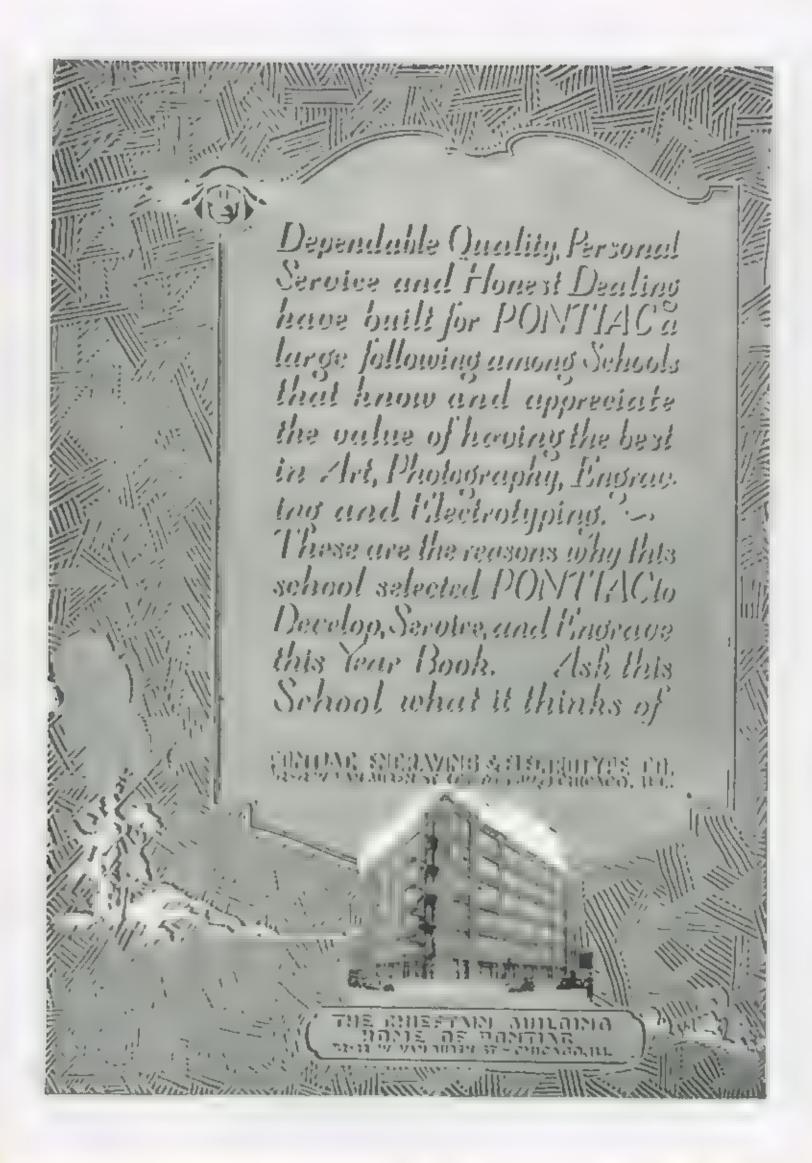
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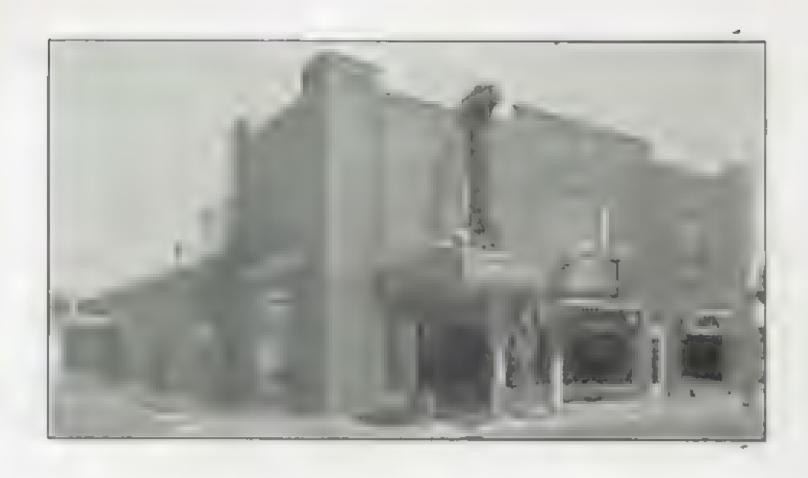
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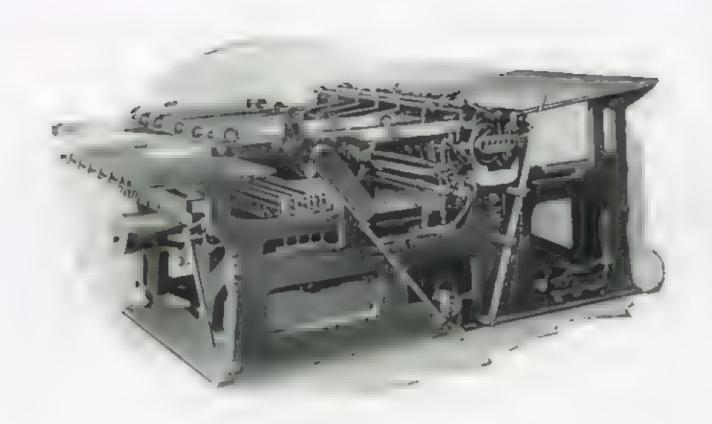
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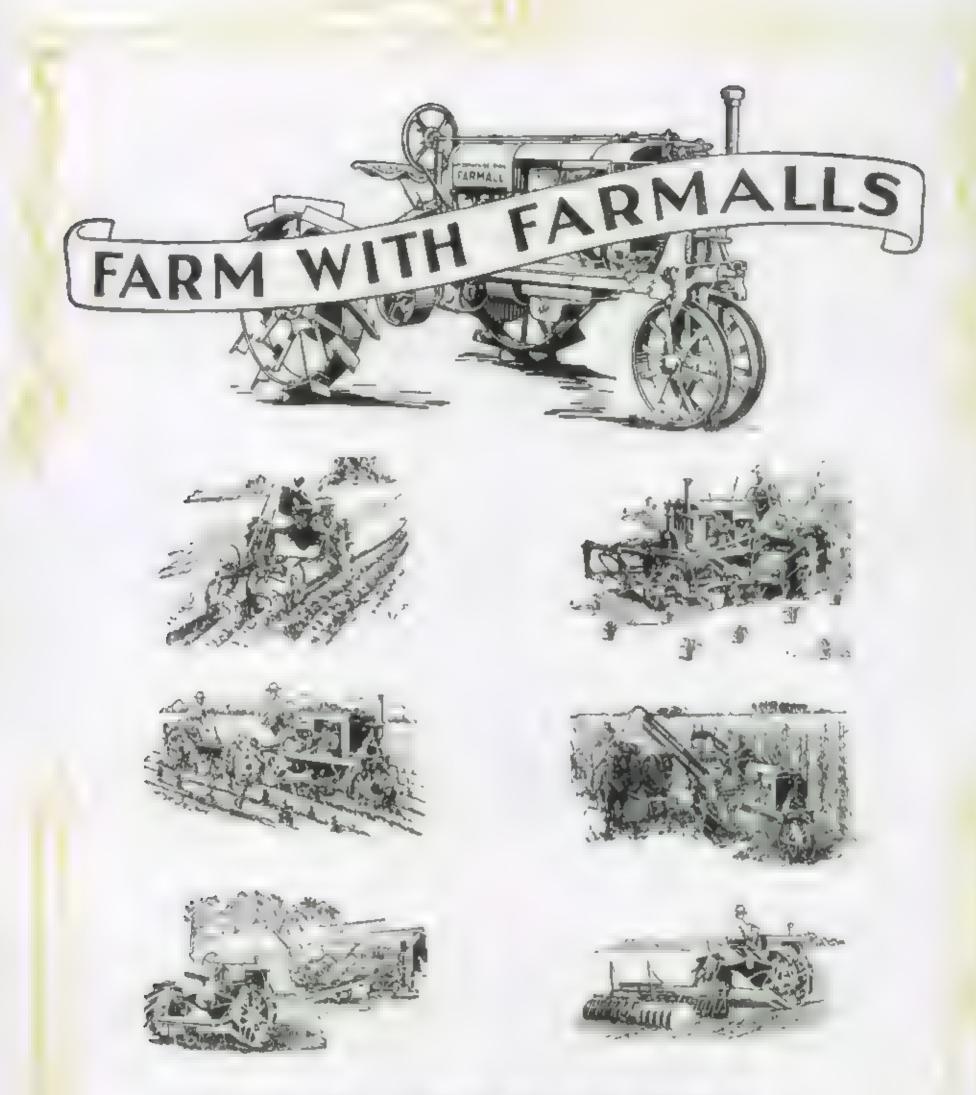
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Guide: "That is a skyscraper,"

Louise (on her first visit to New York): "Oh, I'd just love to see it work." 0 0 0 0.00

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We read of Dora, who we so damb's a thought the store was doed he we the sign said, "Home Baking."

Young College Lad-"When I dance with you I feel as though I were treading on clouds." Dorothy Rae-"Don't kid yourself, those are my feet,"

Mr. King (dining at the O. K. Grill): "There's a piece of rubber tire in my hash." Evelyn: "There's no doubt about that. The motor is displacing the horse nearly everywhere,"

RIGHT OR WRONG

A soldier lost his arm in the war, so his right arm was left. His left arm was not left since it was cut off and his left arm was right. If he had lost his right arm instend of his left, his left arm would have been left instead of his right, but that was not right for his right arm was left and not his left.

Miss happ. "How is a that you have only written ten lanes in "Mile" while the others have written pages?"

Ford Henry: "But you see, I wrote on "Condensed Milk." . . .

Miss Enders "How weall you panetuate this sorte or A pretty god wasking down the street, turned the corner just as I saw her?"

Harold Bell: "I would make a dash after her."

Inquiring Firstners "When we contribute for restraint in the Bab "

Sherry: "When Noah saw the ark light on the mountain."

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Mr. King: "James, which would you prefer being, a chauffeur or a jockey?" domnise Morron "I dopts fer bring a childbort of the government of a rocker size only the horses neck, while a chauffer sees everybody neck."

A SHORT STORY

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Mule in a barnyard, lazy and sick, Boy with a pin on the end of a stick, Boy jabbed the mule; mule gave a lurch, Services Monday at the M. E. Church.

Teacher: "What makes you think that Atlas was a bad man?" Clair Herr: "Well the book says that he held up the whole world." 0.0 . . .

A group of upperclassmen were discussing where they expected to go to get their A. B. Degree. Finally someone asked Jane Miller where she expected to get her A. B. I'm before she could answer, Reed Hilty produp, and sie, "Wry, didn't vor knew that she has her A. B.?"

(Editor's Note-I had to hear it three times myself before I caught on to that one, so don't be discouraged. Remember, Arden Baker is an A. B.)

Nancy Ruhl: "These gloves are too small for me."

Charlie Hartzler: "Well, didn't you say that you wanted kid gloves?" 0.0.0

Eleanor Worthington-"Love is blind, but the neighbors aren't."



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